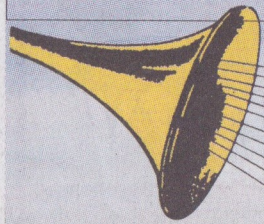
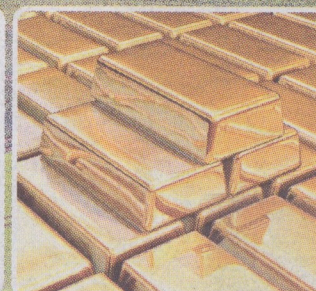
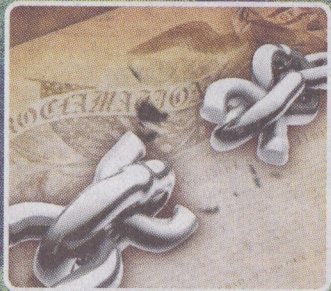


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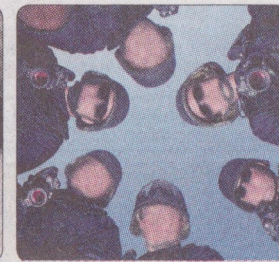
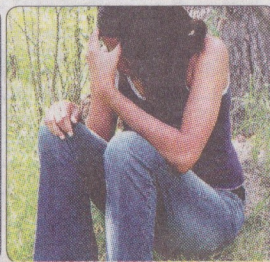


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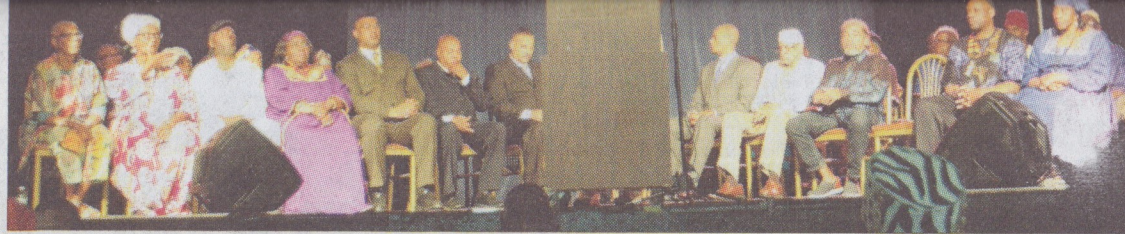
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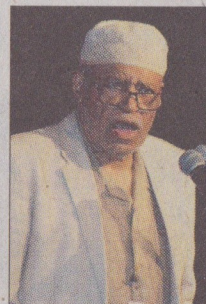
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Theirs is a proven track record of consistent and tireless dedication, work and sacrifice in the face of vehement opposition and attacks from those frightened by the rise of Black people or still psychologically and emotionally wedded to their oppressors.

Yet in this critical time Blacks must understand what freedom looks like, how they must be repaired inwardly, what reparations truly means and how inordinate ego and vanity of leadership is the worst enemy of the rise of Black people, the Minister told a packed audience at Bert's Marketplace during a critical June 22 message as part of the 30th Annual National Con-

vention for the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA) held in Detroit.

Black people are the Original People of the planet and from them came all others so in this hour of death, destruction and confusion, the resurrection of the Black man and woman of America and the world is a necessity, said Min. Farrakhan.

"Until we are resurrected, meaning brought back to our original state and place, the nations of the earth will not find order. The order comes from justice," the Minister explained in his opening remarks. Delving into scripture, Min. Farrakhan pointed to the book of Revelations in the Bible where an angel is riding on a black horse and it was justice.

"When we are purified from our 400-year sojourn under an enemy then we can purify everything else that came from us. Then it will be one world again and peace will reign because the Black man is awake, is resurrected, is restored, is repaired and is back on his post as the Original Man, the Cream of the planet earth and the absolute God of the Universe."

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Full repair and freedom for Black people is needed but it will not come at the hands of the enemy of Black people, the Minister explained throughout his message.

As a longtime friend and ally of Black Nationalist and Pan-African liberation activists and groups, it was fitting that Min. Farrakhan delivered the keynote address at N'COBRA in Detroit, birthplace of the Nation of Islam, the Republic of New Afrika, Shrine of the Black Madonna and home to many Black and African-centered cultural and ideological movements and luminaries.

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Congressional hearing on reparations attracts thousands as lawmakers hear about the legacy, tragedy of slavery

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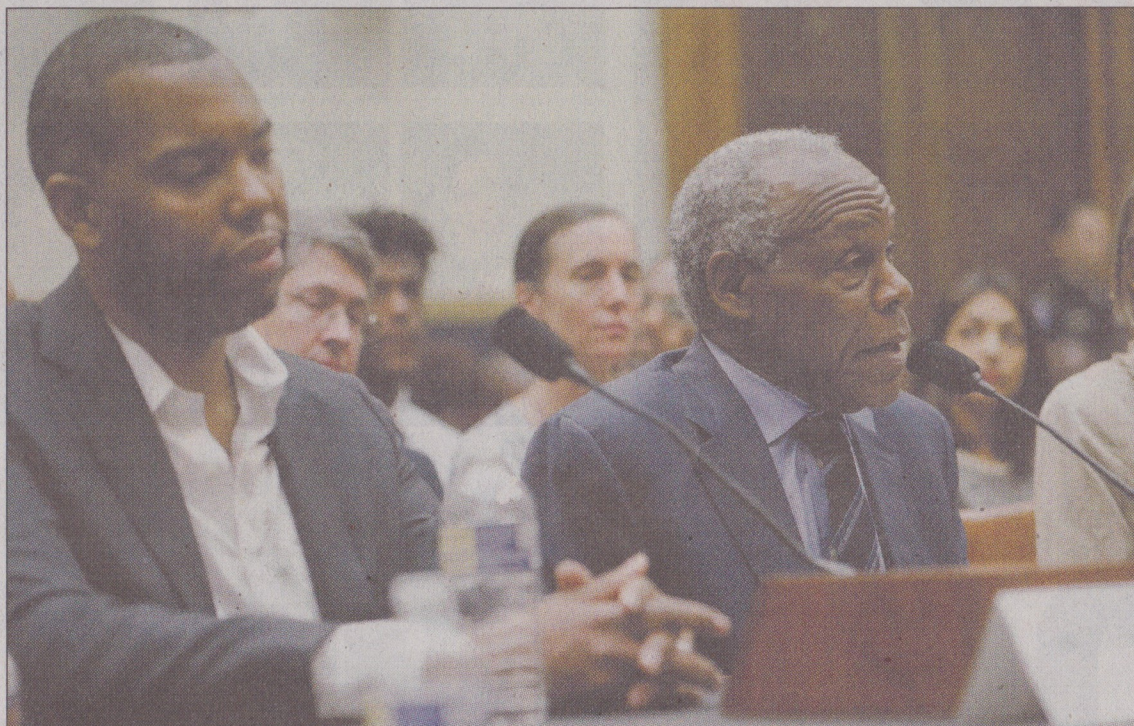
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WASHINGTON—The first congressional hearing about reparations for slavery could not have been more dramatic. Thousands of mostly Black people literally circled the Rayburn House Office Building in a line waiting to get into the standing room only hearing room. Inside hangs a portrait of John Conyers (D-Mich.), former Judiciary Committee Chair, and original author of H.R. 40, the bill under consideration, to create a commission to study the effects of slavery and make recommendations to Congress. Recommendations could include a formal apology for slavery and even “reparative justice” payments to descendants of slaves.

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states for over 200 years; a considerable percentage of northerners made their livings in businesses tied to the slave trade and slavery; and even as slavery and the slave trade were being abolished in the North, the Industrial Revolution took hold in northern mills processing raw cotton harvested by enslaved people in the South; banks and insurance companies made fortunes financing southern cotton production; and so on and so on.”

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"There's a tremendous amount of ignorance in that statement," said Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.). "The stain of slavery was not just inked in bloodshed, but in the overt, state-sponsored policies, fueled by White supremacy and racism, that have disadvantaged African-Americans economically for generations," Sen. Booker testified.

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"We, Black people are products of the Constitution that then spread out to the rest of the public. Well, let's hope that people will look at it over and over. I hope that people will see that although (the hearing) was passionate, (there) was dignity, there was respect, but I really think the real issue will be, can we move this legislatively and to the floor of the house? I hope we'll do (that)," she continued.

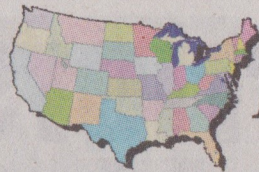
Subcommittee Chair Steven Cohen was confident concerning the likely legislative outcome. "I wish the other Republicans would have been here and that was an unfortunate thing," he told *The Final Call*. "But I think the Democrats are all on board and we got the votes and it will be passing the House."



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Slamming 'corruption' that has allowed rampant abuse, Warren releases plan to ban private prisons

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Calling the federal government's close ties with for-profit prison operators "corruption," Sen. Elizabeth Warren released her plan to ban private prisons should she win the presidency in 2020.

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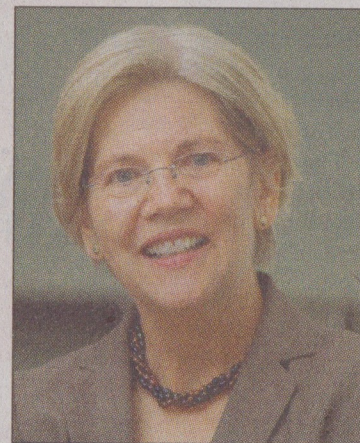
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thousands of dollars from the industry in 2016. The private prison sector's inmate population grew at five times the rate of the overall prison population from 2000 to 2016.

Trump's aggressive anti-immigration agenda has also been a boon for the industry, as Kelly's involvement in Calibur demonstrates. CoreCivic and Geo Group raked in at least \$800 million in 2018 in government contracts to transport and detain migrant children under Trump's detention policies.

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The senator's plan won praise from critics of mass incarceration on social media.

"We are glad to see that the prison industrial complex is finally part of the national electoral discussion on criminal justice, and that presidential candidates like Sen. Warren are addressing the issue directly," said Bianca Tylek, executive director of criminal justice advocacy group Worth Rises, in a statement. "The intention that roots her plan resonates with our mission to end the exploitation of all people touched by incarceration and

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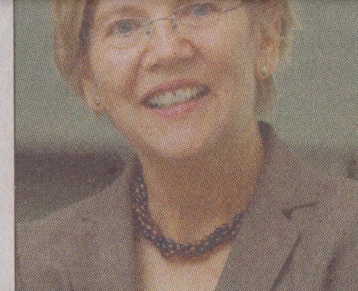


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Attorney Brian Coffman said he's preparing a federal civil rights lawsuit against the city of South Bend on behalf of the family of 54-year-old Eric Logan, who was shot by an officer June 16.

"It is overall total acceptance of this behavior by the South Bend Police Department and the city itself," Atty. Coffman said in an interview.

Mr. Logan's death prompted Mr. Buttigieg to temporarily cancel much of his out-of-state campaigning and drew attention to his struggles appealing to Black voters. Mr. Buttigieg returned to campaigning June 21 with a trip to Miami, but skipped a South Carolina event attended by 21 other Democratic

presidential candidates to fly home for an evening community march. South Bend is a city of about 100,000 people 150 miles north of Indianapolis.

Authorities have said Sgt. Ryan O'Neill was looking for a man reportedly breaking into cars about 3:30 a.m. when he fired one shot that hit Mr. Logan and another that missed after Mr. Logan threatened him with a knife.

Mr. Logan's family and others in the Black community have reacted with anger over no video existing of the confrontation because Sgt. O'Neill's dash and body cameras weren't activated.

Mr. Buttigieg, who became mayor in 2012, said he was "extremely frustrated" that Sgt. O'Neill's body camera wasn't turned on. On June 18, he directed his police chief to remind officers of a department policy that cameras must be on during any interaction with civilians.

Prosecutor's office investigators said Sgt. O'Neill's body camera wasn't automatically activated because he was driving

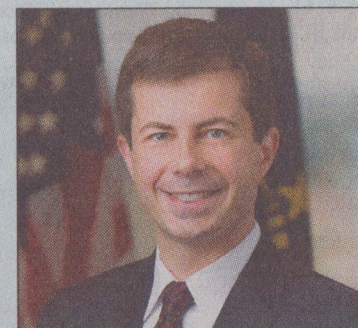


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Mayor Pete Buttigieg

slowly without emergency lights while looking through an apartment building parking lot for someone possibly breaking into cars.

Atty. Coffman said he believed Mayor Buttigieg was trying to now say the right things, but that such actions should've been taken before.

"That's just being reactive, it's not being proactive and making sure this never happened and having rules in place for South Bend police officers and body cameras," Atty. Coffman said.

Mayor's office spokesman Mark Bode declined to comment June 21 on Atty. Coffman's remarks or the potential lawsuit, saying the city was awaiting results of the investigation being overseen by the county prosecutor.

Mr. Logan didn't have any convictions for serious violent crimes, but was released from prison in June 2018 after serving a sentence for a 2009 conviction in South Bend on three felony counts of dealing cocaine or narcotics, according to Indiana Department of Correction records.

Mr. Logan's family believes a federal investigation of the shooting should be sought, rather than relying on one overseen by the county prosecutor's office, which works closely with the city police department, or a police internal review, Atty. Coffman said.

"It is very tough to believe the left arm of a police department telling you what the right arm did wrong," he said. (AP)

Muhammad Warriors start 13th season with gold and silver

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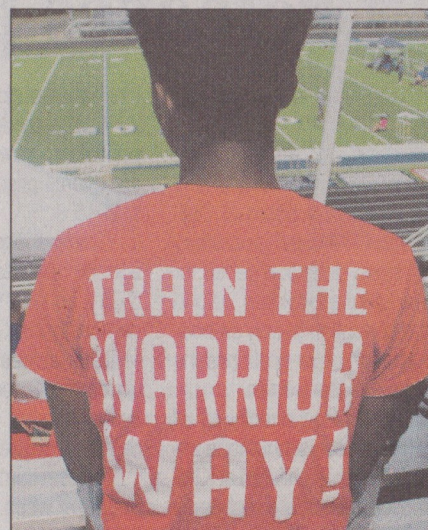
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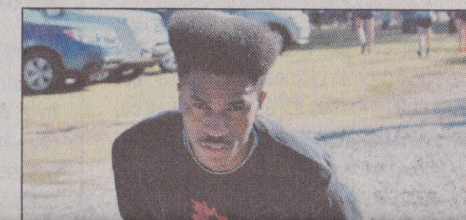
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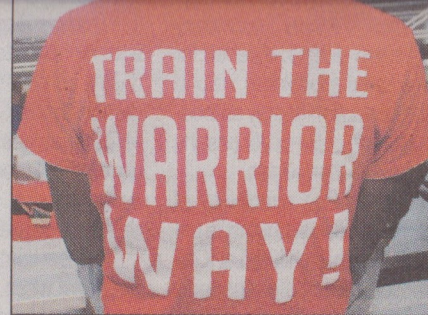
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At the beginning of 2019, Coach Cornelius, expanding upon the track team, introduced a new program called "Force x Distance" to further promote fitness and the Teachings of How to Eat to Live by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. "It pains me to see our people in the condition they are in. I sometimes go to the grocery store and it pains me to see the lack of mobility our people have," he said.

"I see the quality of food that they are purchasing and it really pains me and I really wanted to develop a program that would help not only the Believers, but our people in general. I want to



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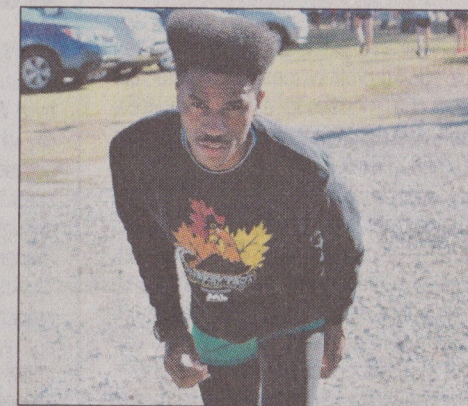
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Lydia Muhammad, 40, earns gold medal after competing in a race for the very first time. Ms. Muhammad won 1st in the 100m race at the 2019 Rochelle Stevens Invitational Track Meet.



Participants of the Muhammad Warriors Track Team from previous years.



Elijah, 24, is a 12-year veteran of the Muhammad Warriors Track Team.

see our people get better and physically fit. With my program, it's not just exercise—its diet, its mindset. I just recently had a program in the month of March for high school students, athletes, and our key word was "mindset."

Changing the mindset, as far as your diet and other things. That is what inspired me to start Force x Distance. We have boot camps, we have fitness challenges, fitness goal programs and Insha'Allah (God-willing) we will be growing. We are growing," he added.

After being one of the first participants in the Force x Distance Training Program, Lydia Muhammad, 40, a long

time Muhammad Warrior track parent, made her running debut at the Rochelle Stevens, earning a gold medal in the Master's Category (ages 40 and up) for the 100 meter race.

For more information on the Muhammad Warrior Track Team, Force x Distance training regimen or to support the athletes, please visit www.forcexdistance.net and [force_x_distance](#) on Instagram and Facebook.

Muhammad on the move and on a mission!

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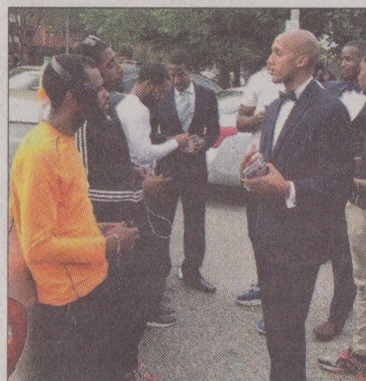
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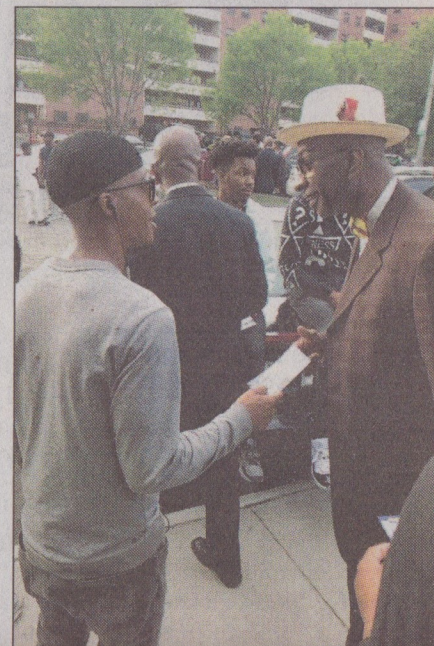
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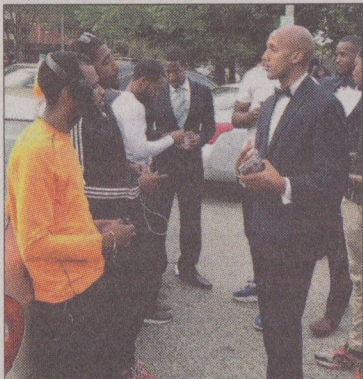
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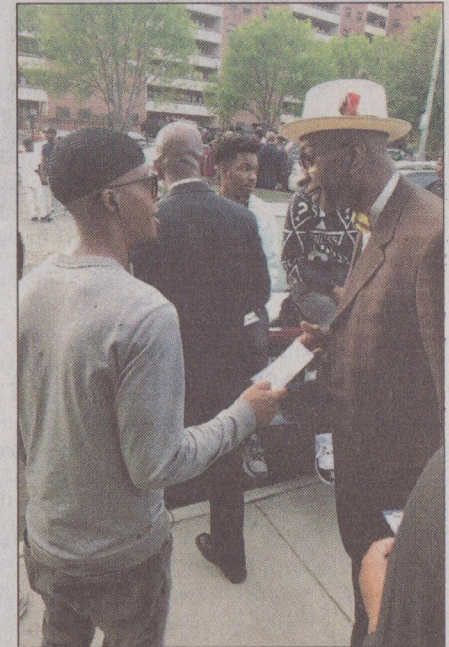
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In Oscar's name

Ten years after tragedy, a legacy is built, lives changed through struggle, sacrifice and service



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The 22-year-old was immortalized in award-winning Bay Area filmmaker Ryan Coogler's film "Fruitvale," named after the subway station platform on which he was fatally shot in the back by Johannes Mehserle. Oscar was subdued on the station platform New Year's Day 2009, and his killer insisted the shooting was an accident. The BART security officer said he reached for his gun instead of a taser. With the trial moved from Oakland, a Los Angeles County jury convicted Mr. Mehserle of

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But in early June, the young Black father's family celebrated the unveiling of "Long Live Oscar Grant," a mural painted by local artist Senay "Refa One" Alkebulan. "Oscar Grant III Way" was also unveiled that same day. The mural is located on a west exterior wall by the bus area of Fruitvale Station and cost \$38,000. "Oscar Grant III Way," an unnamed road in front of the station runs about one block long.

"It's been 10 years since the death of Oscar Grant and BART worked closely with his family to create a lasting tribute and provide a place for reflection at the Fruitvale Station," said BART Director Lateefah Simon in a press statement.

"It's still hard," admits Oscar's mother.

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Oscar loved basketball, said his mother, so the family felt starting a team in his name would be fitting. "We didn't know what we were doing. We just gave it a shot, and have been doing it for five years now," she said.

The first year was rough, but now there are 40 players on three different teams, added Ms. Johnson. "It's really been fun to watch. They've graduated from the team. They've graduated from high school. They're in college now, some of them, and it's just amazing to watch," she said.

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Tatiana, Oscar's 15-year-old daughter, played on the OG Ballers girl's basketball team last year, said her grandmother. "We try to keep her busy doing things to keep her time filled, because it has impacted her. She has felt particular ways, because her cousins and her friends have fathers at home, but she really doesn't have her real dad at home, and so it affects her, hearing people talk about it," said Ms. Johnson.

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Tatiana moved him tremendously when she spoke at the June 8 unveiling of the mural. She acknowledged her uncles, Oscar's friends who were on the platform with him the night he was killed and they were roughed up and traumatized by police. Their pain is just so rough, Uncle Bobby said.

"They've never all had any real voice that they can really share because their pain just to them is still so raw. But Tatiana, this year, was able to bring them all up on the stage which is a big, big achievement in itself," he continued.

When asked what they thought of the mural and street naming, one of Oscar's friends replied, "I'd rather not be here." He would rather have Oscar alive.

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Former Egyptian president dies in state custody

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Controversy and uncertainty surround the death of former Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi and the future of the Muslim Brotherhood, a movement in which he was a leading figure. Mr. Morsi died after collapsing during a courtroom appearance in Cairo. He was 67 years old.

The Egyptian government offered no immediate cause for his death June 17 but state-run media reported he died from a heart attack. Officials said no injuries were apparent on Mr. Morsi's body. The United Nations, and rights groups, however, called for Egypt to conduct an impartial investigation into his death and conditions under which he was imprisoned.

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whether its imprisonment or death ... Morsi will not be the last," predicted Mr. Saalakhan.

When the decision was made to launch a coup and end the Morsi government, amid charges of Muslim Brotherhood power grabs and a response to the Arab Spring, most of the movement's leaders and activists who remained in Egypt were imprisoned.

The group can't readily be dismissed, although there are internal conflicts, say observers. Some younger members are seeking a new direction, they said.

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Mr. Saalakhan said it was well-known that Mr. Morsi was serving time in "sub-par" prison conditions. In March 2018, British parliamentarians warned Egypt that the prison conditions could lead to his "premature death."

"Mohamad Morsi was a political prisoner on steroids," said Mr. Saalakhan. "He suffered the type of conditions that political prisoners in that part of the world routinely suffer."

The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which Egypt signed on to, is supposed to guarantee prisoners the highest standards of physical and mental health care.

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In June 19 remarks to the media, Mr. Erdogan vowed to do whatever is needed for Egypt to be tried in international court. He leveled scathing criticism at Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi and rebuked Western governments as "hypocrites" for allying themselves with Mr. al-Sisi. Mr. Erdogan pointed out how Mr. al-Sisi jailed and executed scores of Muslim Brotherhood members and supporters, while pushing aside democracy.

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The Brotherhood was started in 1928 by an educator, Hassan al-Banna, in Egypt as a religious, political, and social movement. It spread throughout the Muslim world, maintaining its largest presence in Egypt.

The Muslim Brotherhood was banned after engaging in years of protracted struggle against Egyptian governments since the 1930s. Members were jailed, exiled and killed over the decades.

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Mr. Saalakhan said throughout the Brotherhood's history there has been a "ebb and flow" of targeting and eliminating its leadership.

"There has been this effort in Egypt and in other countries to decapitate the Muslim Brotherhood," he said.

In 1949, Mr. al-Banna, the movement's founder was assassinated in Cairo. In 1966, prominent scholar Sayyid Qutb was hanged after being tried and convicted of plotting to overthrow the state. There were many others, with Mr. Morsi, being the latest target, said Mr. Saalakhan.

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In a June 18 tweet, the Muslim Brotherhood called Mr. Morsi a "true Egyptian hero" and "exceptional leader" whose "sacrifices, and steadfastness in the face of tyranny, fascism and injustice" will be remembered.

Egyptian authorities declined a family request for Mr. Morsi to be buried in his home village in Northern Egypt.

"The fact that Egypt refused to bury him where they bury their heroes, wanted him buried only in a prison graveyard ... all of that will have an impact, no doubt," Mr. Muhammad said.



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A Special House

DETROIT—Closing a full week in the Motor City, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan was supposed to stop by the new Muhammad Mosque No. 1 to view progress made as the Muslims and supporters refurbish and restore the beautiful edifice.

His stop turned into a touching visit and his few words became a special sermon and dedication, about an hour long, as he described the mission and the purpose of “this house,” as he referred to the former synagogue purchased by the Muslims.

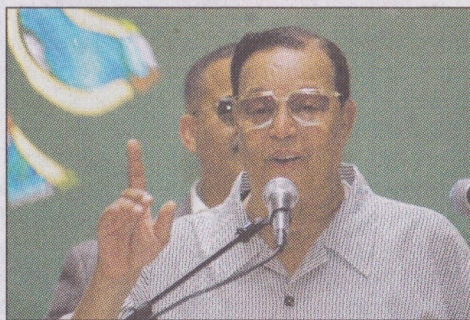
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There must not be any deviation, no innovation, just truth must be spoken, he continued.

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and his few words became a special sermon and dedication, about an hour long, as he described the mission and the purpose of "this house," as he referred to the former synagogue purchased by the Muslims.

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The crowd of some 500 people was standing room only and sparked by word of mouth as the Minister was supposed to simply stop by the new mosque. But just the hint that the Minister would be in the city and a little word of mouth drew people, said Student Minister Troy Muhammad of Mosque No. 1, who was



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overjoyed to have his leader and teacher in the building. Plans call for having the Fruit of Islam, men of the Nation of Islam, to help make the area safer, work with youth, assist senior citizens who live across the street, sponsor social and community events and open a small but very advanced school, said Troy Muhammad, who thanked the Believers, past laborers and the community for supporting the new Muhammad Mosque No. 1 "This will be a springboard for our activity in the community," said Student Minister Muhammad.

(Major coverage of Min. Farrakhan's visit and the work underway at Muhammad Mosque No. 1 will appear in a future edition of The Final Call newspaper.)



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UN: Nearly 71 million now displaced by war, violence at home

GENEVA—A record 71 million people have been displaced worldwide by war, persecution and other violence, the UN refugee agency said June 19, an increase of more than two million from a year earlier—and an overall total that would amount to the world's 20th most populous country.

The annual "Global Trends" report released by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees counts the number of the world's refugees, asylum-seekers and internally displaced people at the end of 2018.

The figures, came on the eve of World Refugee Day on June 20 and are bound to add fuel to a debate at the intersection of international law, human rights and domestic politics, especially the movement in some countries, including the U.S., against immigrants and refugees.

Launching the report, the high commissioner, Filippo Grandi, had a message for U.S. President Donald Trump and other world leaders, calling it "damaging" to depict migrants and refugees as threats to jobs and security in host countries. Often, they are fleeing insecurity and danger themselves, he said.

The report also puts a statistical skeleton onto often-poignant individual stories of people struggling to survive by crossing rivers, deserts, seas, fences and other barriers, natural and man-made, to escape government oppression, gang killings, sexual abuse, militia murders and other such violence at home.

UNHCR said 70.8 million people were forcibly displaced at the end of last year, up from about 68.5 million in 2017—and nearly a 65 percent increase from a decade ago. Among them, nearly three in five people—or more than 41 million—are displaced within their home countries.

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have faced violence by gangs and suffered from "the inability of these governments to protect their own citizens."

At more than 1.5 million, Ethiopians comprised the largest population of newly displaced people—nearly all internally—last year, prompting the head of the Norwegian Refugee Council to decry a "forgotten crisis" in the east African country.

"We need a 180-degree shift in attitudes," said NRC Secretary-General Jan Egeland. "Wealthier nations must share the heavy-lifting, dig deep and support generous countries like Ethiopia to ease the human suffering of millions fleeing from conflict worldwide."

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Amid runaway inflation and political turmoil at home, Venezuelans for the first time accounted for the largest number of new asylum-seekers in 2018, totaling more than 340,000—or more than one in five worldwide last year. Asylum-seekers receive international protection as they await acceptance or rejection of their requests for refugee status.

UNHCR said that its figures are “conservative” and that Venezuela masks a potentially longer-term trend.

Some four million people are known to have left the South American country in recent years. Many of those have traveled freely to Peru, Colombia and Brazil, but only about one-



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But the refugee agency chief noted long-term administrative shortcomings that have given the United States the world's biggest backlog of asylum claims, at nearly 719,000. More than a quarter-million claims were added last year.

He also decried recent rhetoric that has been hostile to migrants and refugees.

“In America, just like in Europe actually and in other parts of the world, what we are witnessing is an identification of refugees—but not just refugees, migrants as well—with people that take away jobs, that threaten our security, our values,” Mr. Grandi said. “And I want to say to the U.S. administration—to the president—but also to the leaders around the world: This is damaging.”

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According to Kalia, hours before the car bombing, a clash between suspected fighters and Indian forces left one soldier and one militant dead.

In recent years, southern Kashmir has seen intense fighting between Indian forces and armed Kashmiri fighters, who are demanding independence for the Himalayan region. Over 100 have been killed in Indian-administered Kashmir this year in clashes with soldiers.

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Pakistan retaliated and shot down an Indian fighter jet that it said had violated its airspace. It also captured an Indian pilot during that operation but released him shortly in a “peace gesture.”

India has said Pakistan was to blame for the deaths of Indian troops in Kashmir, which is divided between the two nuclear-armed states but is claimed in its entirety by both sides. Islamabad has denied any role in the bloodshed.

Tensions have since been running high between the two neighbors which have fought four wars since their partition in 1947, three of them over Kashmir. (PressTV.com)

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African cocoa growers take hard line on prices—better ones or else

(GIN)—Strike! That's the sound of the world's top two producers of cocoa who say they are suspending their sales for better prices.

The governments of Ivory Coast and Ghana are trying this time-honored strategy to address the imbalance between farmers' income and money made by foreign commodity markets who scoop up most of the profit.

If the strategy sounds familiar, it's the same one described in the Greek play "Lysistrata" where the women withheld affection from their husbands in order to secure peace and end the Peloponnesian War.

Currently, most of the money does not reach the farmers who live in poverty.

Globally, 85 percent of the market is controlled by companies such as Kraft, Mars, and Nestlé.

But according to Ed Croply, a journalist, Ivorian President Alassane Ouattara and his Ghanaian counterpart Nana Akufo-Addo would do better to focus on processing cocoa beans, rather than just growing them. As with other commodities like diamonds or crude oil, the labor-intensive work happens elsewhere.

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Christchurch District Court Judge Stephen O'Driscoll said that when questioned about the video, Mr. Arps had described it as "awesome" and had shown no empathy toward the victims.

The judge said Mr. Arps had strong and unrepentant views about the Muslim community and had, in effect, committed a hate crime. The judge said Arps had compared himself to Rudolf Hess, a Nazi leader under Adolf Hitler.

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In other cases, at least five other people were also charged with illegally sharing the shooting video: An 18-year-old was jailed in March while the others weren't kept in custody. The teen is accused of sharing the video and an image of the Al Noor mosque with the words "target acquired." He is next due to appear in court on July 31.

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Australian Brenton Tarrant, 28, earlier in June pleaded not guilty to 51 counts of murder, 40 counts of attempted murder and one count of terrorism in the mosque shooting case. His trial has been scheduled for next May.

New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has helped lead a global pledge named the "Christchurch Call," aimed at boosting efforts to keep internet platforms from being used to spread hate, organize extremist groups and broadcast attacks. New Zealand has also tightened its gun laws and banned certain types of semi-automatic weapons since the attack. (AP)

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Mr. Jarrin announced last week that U.S. aircraft would be able to use the airbase on San Cristóbal Island, further referring to the islands as a "natural aircraft carrier."

Former Ecuadorian president Rafael Correa slammed the remark, writing in a Twitter post that "Galapagos is NOT an 'aircraft carrier' for gringo use. It is an Ecuadorean province, world heritage site, homeland."

Mr. Correa—once a close ally but now a bitter enemy of his successor, Lenin Moreno—also accused the current administration of capitulating to U.S. pressure.

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Moreover, Ecuador's Foreign Minister José Valencia dismissed Correa's argument against allowing U.S. military presence in the islands, saying that he was seeking to "maliciously distort what was completely legitimate international cooperation against drug-trafficking."

"The argument that it would have an environmental impact is totally false," Mr. Valencia asserted, pointing out that the islands receive 252 tourist flights every month and a total of 3,097 in 2018. (PressTV.com)

An uncertain future for Palestinian refugees



Palestinian refugee children line up at the Jafna Elementary school, run by the U.N. Agency for Palestinian Refugees, UNRWA, in the eastern Bekaa Valley town of Taalabaya, Lebanon. Photo: AP/Hassan Ammar

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UNRWA requires \$1.2 billion to fund all its operations in the coming year. However, fears have been raised regarding their ability to do so. Unless the agency is able to secure at least \$60 million by the end of June, their ability to provide food aid to over 1 million Palestine refugees seems uncertain.

The agency is funded predominantly by UN Member States, the European Union and

ernment and non-governmental organizations' structures.

In his explanation of the United States' decision, he reaffirmed the country's support of Israel, stating "the United States will always stand with Israel."

This prompted criticism that the decision to cease funding UNRWA was a political move, rather than for issues with the agency's functioning.

Peter Mulrean, director of UNRWA's Representative Office in New York, said in a statement to IPS that "UNRWA regrets the U.S. decision to stop funding UNRWA after decades of being the Agency's single largest donor and strong partner." However, he refused to speculate on the motives behind that decision.

Mr. Greenblatt claimed the politicization of UNRWA, despite its intended neutrality, meant "year after year, Palestinians in refugee camps were not given the opportunity to build any future; they were misled and used as political pawns and commodities instead of being treated as human beings."

In his response, Mr. Mulrean said: "UNRWA is a UN humanitarian agency that has no political role in Palestine or anywhere else."

Despite this, UNRWA was asked at the press conference to respond to claims its members have involvement with Hamas after weapons were found stored in a school, and tunnels were located beneath multiple UNRWA educational buildings.

The agency noted its officials reported all such incidents, and measures were taken to remove the weapons and close the tunnels.

Criticism of UNRWA seems at odds with the Security Council's stance on the agency.

Stéphane Dujarric, spokesman for the Secretary-General, said in a press briefing, "the Secretary General has been speaking on support of UNRWA for a long time," adding, "his position remains unchanged, that he very much feels that UNRWA is a stabilizing force in the region through the education services it provides, through the health services, and through the support services."

At the Security Council meeting in May

cuss possible solutions to the Palestine refugee crisis. Many see this as compensation for withdrawing funding for UNRWA.

While Mr. Mulrean refused to take a formal position on the upcoming conference in Bahrain, he did say that UNRWA doesn't see this as in competition with the agency's work.

UNRWA has fought Mr. Greenblatt's criticism before the press in order to garner support

for its mandate. Within a context of escalating violence in Gaza—some saying the worst since 2014—and ever-increasing numbers of Palestine refugees, the agency continues to seek funding from member states so as to continue its operations in the coming year.

"This is our reality," Mr. Mulrean said, "we have schools to run, we have clinics to run, we have people to feed."

Israel moves to name Golan settlement after Trump

RAMAT TRUMP, Golan Heights—

The Trump name graces apartment towers, hotels and golf courses. Now it is the namesake of a tiny Israeli settlement in the Israel-controlled Golan Heights.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Cabinet convened in this hamlet June 16 to inaugurate a new settlement named after President Donald Trump in a gesture of appreciation for the U.S. leader's recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the territory.

The settlement isn't exactly new. Currently known as Bruchim, it is over 30 years old and has a population of 10 people.

Israel is hoping the rebranded "Ramat Trump," Hebrew for "Trump Heights," will encourage a wave of residents to vastly expand it.

"It's absolutely beautiful," said U.S. Ambassador David Friedman, who attended the June 16 ceremony. Noting that Mr. Trump celebrated his birthday on June 14, he said: "I can't think of a more appropriate and a more beautiful birthday present."

Israel captured the Golan Heights from Syria in the 1967 Mideast war and annexed it in 1981. Most of the international community considers the move illegal under international law.

But during a visit to Washington by Mr. Netanyahu in March, just weeks before Israeli elections, Mr. Trump signed an

Israel for this great honor!"

Addressing the ceremony, Mr. Netanyahu called Mr. Trump a "great friend" of Israel and described the Golan, which overlooks northern Israel, as an important strategic asset.

"The Golan Heights was and will always be an inseparable part of our country and homeland," he said.

Developing Ramat Trump will not be easy. Ringed by high yellow grass and land mines, it is roughly 12 miles from the Syrian border and a half hour drive from the nearest Israeli town, Kiryat Shmona, a community of about 20,000 people near the Lebanese border.

According to Israeli figures, almost 50,000 people live in the Golan, including about 22,000 Jewish Israelis and nearly 25,000 Arab Druze residents.

While Israel has encouraged and promoted settlement in the Golan, its remote location, several hours from the economic center of Tel Aviv, has been an obstacle. The area is home to small agriculture and tourism sectors but otherwise has little industry.

The eight-year Syrian civil war, which at times has resulted in spillover fire into the Golan, also could present an obstacle to luring new residents.

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UNRWA requires \$1.2 billion to fund all its operations in the coming year. However, fears have been raised regarding their ability to do so. Unless the agency is able to secure at least \$60 million by the end of June, their ability to provide food aid to over 1 million Palestine refugees seems uncertain.

The agency is funded predominantly by UN Member States, the European Union and regional governments. These sources contribute 93 percent of funds. Private individuals and non-governmental sources contributed over \$17 million in 2018.

Matthias Schmale, director of UNRWA Operations in Gaza, noted at the press conference, "right now, strictly financially speaking, we don't have the money to guarantee the opening of schools in the fall."

These financial concerns have largely arisen following the United States' refusal to continue funding the organization. Mr. Greenblatt justified President Trump's decision to the Security Council in May.

"The UNRWA model has failed the Palestinian people," he said, describing the agency as an "irredeemably flawed operation" and a "band-aid" solution. Instead, he proposed an integration of the agency's services into gov-

ernment. The agency's single largest donor and strong partner." However, he refused to speculate on the motives behind that decision.

Mr. Greenblatt claimed the politicization of UNRWA, despite its intended neutrality, meant "year after year, Palestinians in refugee camps were not given the opportunity to build any future; they were misled and used as political pawns and commodities instead of being treated as human beings."

In his response, Mr. Mulrean said: "UNRWA is a UN humanitarian agency that has no political role in Palestine or anywhere else."

Despite this, UNRWA was asked at the press conference to respond to claims its members have involvement with Hamas after weapons were found stored in a school, and tunnels were located beneath multiple UNRWA educational buildings.

The agency noted its officials reported all such incidents, and measures were taken to remove the weapons and close the tunnels.

Criticism of UNRWA seems at odds with the Security Council's stance on the agency.

Stéphane Dujarric, spokesman for the Secretary-General, said in a press briefing, "the Secretary General has been speaking on support of UNRWA for a long time," adding, "his position remains unchanged, that he very much feels that UNRWA is a stabilizing force in the region through the education services it provides, through the health services, and through the support services."

At the Security Council meeting in May it was only the United States and Israel that spoke against UNRWA. All other 14 member states reaffirmed their support for the agency.

"That is a reflection of the broad support UNRWA enjoys in the international community," Mr. Mulrean told IPS.

Despite this, UNRWA has for years struggled to meet its budget. Last year, around 42 countries and institutions increased their contributions to erase an unprecedented deficit of \$446 million.

Mr. Greenblatt noted the United States was frequently called upon to fill budget gaps. Having pledged around \$6 billion to the organization over the course of its existence, he reaffirmed his government's refusal to continue to do so.

Instead, the United States has called for a conference in Bahrain—June 25-26—to dis-

RAMAT TRUMP, Golan Heights—

The Trump name graces apartment towers, hotels and golf courses. Now it is the namesake of a tiny Israeli settlement in the Israel-controlled Golan Heights.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Cabinet convened in this hamlet June 16 to inaugurate a new settlement named after President Donald Trump in a gesture of appreciation for the U.S. leader's recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the territory.

The settlement isn't exactly new. Currently known as Bruchim, it is over 30 years old and has a population of 10 people.

Israel is hoping the rebranded "Ramat Trump," Hebrew for "Trump Heights," will encourage a wave of residents to vastly expand it.

"It's absolutely beautiful," said U.S. Ambassador David Friedman, who attended the June 16 ceremony. Noting that Mr. Trump celebrated his birthday on June 14, he said: "I can't think of a more appropriate and a more beautiful birthday present."

Israel captured the Golan Heights from Syria in the 1967 Mideast war and annexed it in 1981. Most of the international community considers the move illegal under international law.

But during a visit to Washington by Mr. Netanyahu in March, just weeks before Israeli elections, Mr. Trump signed an executive order recognizing the strategic mountainous plateau as Israeli territory. The decision, the latest in a series of diplomatic moves benefiting Israel, was widely applauded in Israel.

"Few things are more important to the security of the state of Israel than permanent sovereignty over the Golan Heights," Mr. Friedman said. "It is simply obvious, it is indisputable and beyond any reasonable debate."

After the Cabinet decision, Prime Minister Netanyahu and Amb. Friedman unveiled a sign trimmed in gold with the name "Trump Heights" and adorned with U.S. and Israeli flags. Mr. Trump retweeted photos Amb. Friedman posted of the event and thanked Mr. Netanyahu "and the State of

Israel for this great honor!"

Addressing the ceremony, Mr. Netanyahu called Mr. Trump a "great friend" of Israel and described the Golan, which overlooks northern Israel, as an important strategic asset.

"The Golan Heights was and will always be an inseparable part of our country and homeland," he said.

Developing Ramat Trump will not be easy. Ringed by high yellow grass and land mines, it is roughly 12 miles from the Syrian border and a half hour drive from the nearest Israeli town, Kiryat Shmona, a community of about 20,000 people near the Lebanese border.

According to Israeli figures, almost 50,000 people live in the Golan, including about 22,000 Jewish Israelis and nearly 25,000 Arab Druze residents.

While Israel has encouraged and promoted settlement in the Golan, its remote location, several hours from the economic center of Tel Aviv, has been an obstacle. The area is home to small agriculture and tourism sectors but otherwise has little industry.

The eight-year Syrian civil war, which at times has resulted in spillover fire into the Golan, also could present an obstacle to luring new residents.

Syria has demanded a return of the strategic territory, which overlooks northern Israel, as part of any peace deal. After the devastating civil war in Syria, the prospects of peace talks with Israel anytime soon seem extremely low.

Ramat Trump joins a handful of Israeli places named after American presidents, including a village for Harry S. Truman, who first recognized the Jewish state, and George W. Bush Plaza, a square the size of a modest living room in central Jerusalem.

Following the decision to rename the community, developing the settlement still requires overcoming several additional bureaucratic obstacles. With Mr. Netanyahu running for re-election in the second national election this year, it remains unclear whether he will be able to complete the task. (AP)

The storm is over, but in Southern Africa, Cyclone Idai continues to rage for women and girls

by Edinah Masiyiwa

COMMENTARY

HARARE (IPS)—In late March Cyclone Idai carved a path of devastation across Zimbabwe, Mozambique, and Malawi. It was the deadliest cyclone to hit the region in more than a century; others have even referred to it as “Africa’s Hurricane Katrina.” More than 1,000 people were killed. Many more saw their homes, food crops, and even entire villages washed away.

My country, Zimbabwe, has been receiving aid from all over the world. Our citizens also have taken it upon themselves to donate toward the needs of those who survived. We may be feeling like things are getting better. But in fact, for many women and girls, they are getting worse.

We are experiencing an aspect of natural disasters that rarely receives the attention it deserves: the fact that simply being female puts one at a far greater risk of suffering harm.

A recent report by the UN Resident Coordinator in Zimbabwe observed that at least 15,000 women and girls in the areas affected by Idai are at risk of gender-based violence linked to disruptions caused by the storm.

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distances to get to places where food and other aid is being distributed and being forced to sleep in long lines.

There also are concerns of women and girls being asked to provide sex in exchange for access to aid. Meanwhile, a UN Flash appeal report has noted the lack of privacy and lighting in camps for displaced persons, which can increase the risk of violence and transactional sex for female storm victims.

This situation is, unfortunately, not unique to Cyclone Idai.

UN Women has highlighted that there is a rise in violence, including sexual violence, against women and girls in the aftermath of a natural disaster. Just standing in a line for food aid and other support leave women more vulnerable to sexual exploitation and, consequently, HIV infections.

Also, according to the United Nations Population Fund, in crisis situations one in five women of childbearing age are likely to be pregnant. There is an urgent need to ensure access to reproductive health services. Lack of services such as prenatal care and assisted deliveries, puts these women at an increased risk of life-threatening complications. Suspensions in services that provide prevention and treatment for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections also have a greater impact on women.

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A natural disaster can impose terrible hardships and cyclones like Idai could become more common as climate change increases the risk of weather extremes. But while we cannot prevent these events from occurring, we can ensure that, for women and girls, storms like Idai do not continue to rage in the form of sexual violence and other neglect that greatly compounds their trauma.

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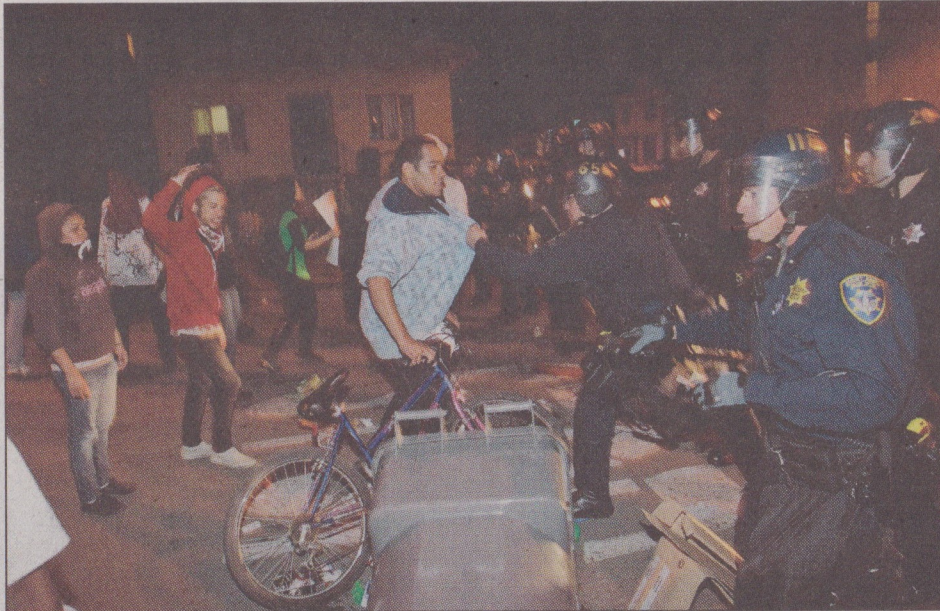
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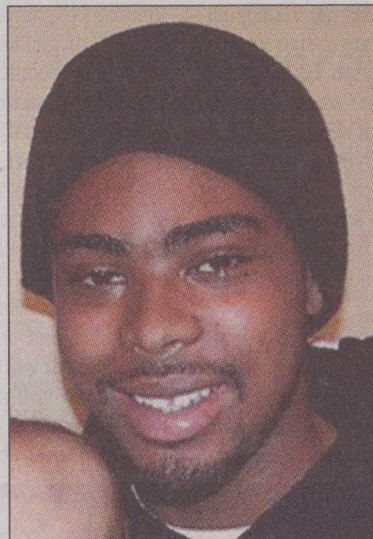
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"The Grant family grew from being mere victims of a crime to advocates for justice, and part of the healing process for them has been to be participants in bringing justice in the murder of their son, brother and nephew," said Student Minister Abdul Sabur Muhammad of Muhammad Mosque No. 26B in Oakland. He was an early supporter of the family and their demand for justice.

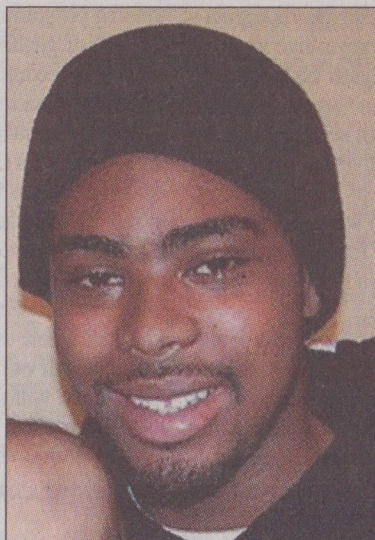
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"I'm confident that little action would have occurred, but because of the organizing capacity of the Bay Area Nation of Islam and activists that worked along our side, there is today multiple forms of police accountability legislation," stated Min. Muhammad, who authored the book "Grant Justice: Lessons Learned Fighting for Justice in the Murder of Oscar Grant."

In Oscar's case, he said, the community recognized swiftly that if he could be killed, anyone could die the same way, which led to the poignant cry, "I Am Oscar Grant!"

Two days after Mr. Mehserle was sentenced to two years in prison, Uncle Bobby was called and rushed to embrace the family of Derrick Jones. The 37-year-old was gunned down by two Oakland Police officers on November 8,



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According to police, during a foot chase, he supposedly reached for his waistband and produced a metal object, but he was unarmed. The district attorney's office did not file criminal charges, and the officers were cleared in a federal wrongful death lawsuit filed by his widow.

"I remember him (Uncle Bobby) saying, at that time, 'Wow! This is it! Hugging this father, and loving this family, has given me strength to fight this beast,'" recalled his wife.

After that, came outreach to the family of Trayvon Martin, a Black 17 year old killed by vigilante George Zimmerman, who was acquitted of charges in the fatal shooting. Then there was Michael Brown, Jr., 18, killed by former

Ferguson, Mo., police officer Darren Wilson, who was never charged with anything. The list of families touched by police and other violence has grown. They have found an ally, supporter and comforter in Uncle Bobby and his wife.

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She stressed that 10 years later, it's important to remember heroes of the Justice for Oscar Grant Movement, like now-deceased Bishop Gordon Humphreys, Jr., who opened his church every Sat-

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"I definitely feel good about it. It's been a long, hard road to bring about the mural, as well as the street naming where it became a reality, but really it all came from the community again, standing with us, supporting us, embracing us," said Uncle Bobby.

Mr. Mehserle, since freed, has gone into hiding and changed his name, he added. "Nobody knows who he is yet. We haven't been able to figure that out, but he definitely has changed his name ... even his work location," Uncle Bobby added.



THE FEAR OF BLACK MANHOOD:

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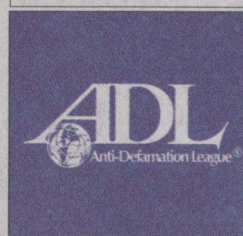
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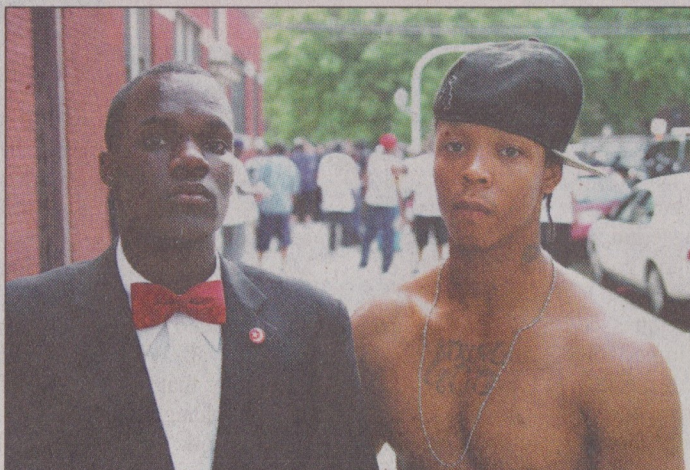
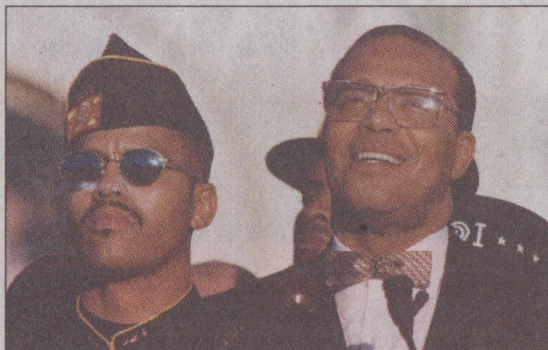
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This is a very powerful admission coming from Mr. Wanniski. As a member of the elite ruling class of White males within American society, Mr. Wanniski is qualified to provide an insider's view into how Minister Farrakhan is looked upon by the most powerful White males within American society. And as such, his candid expression to Bro. Cedric Muhammad provides for us a window into the private thoughts of men like Mark Zuckerberg and those who have closed ranks and determined to create a blockade against the message of Minister Farrakhan.

Mr. Wanniski is now deceased, but before he passed away, he met with Minister Farrakhan and publicly defended Minister Farrakhan against his critics. He orchestrated an event among his peers and followers, during the late 1990s so that Minister Farrakhan could

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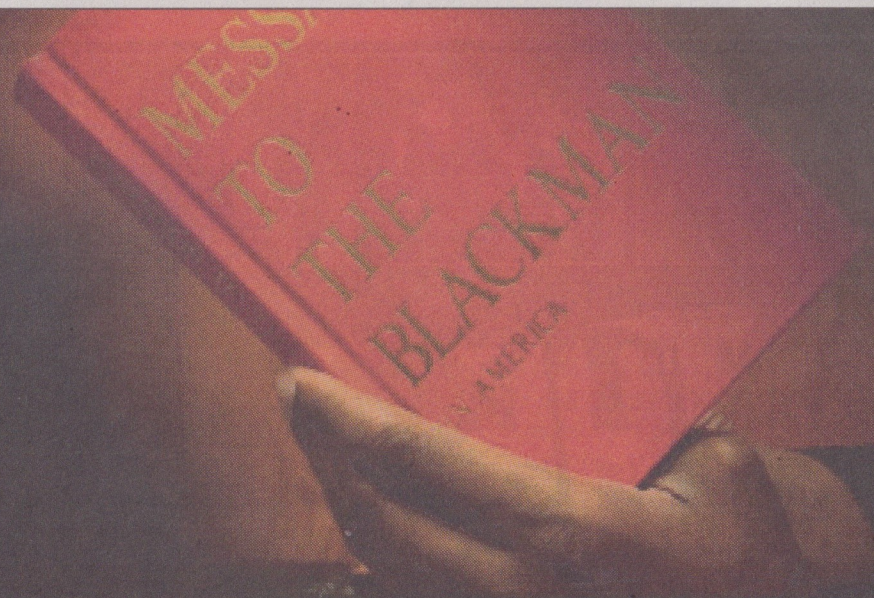
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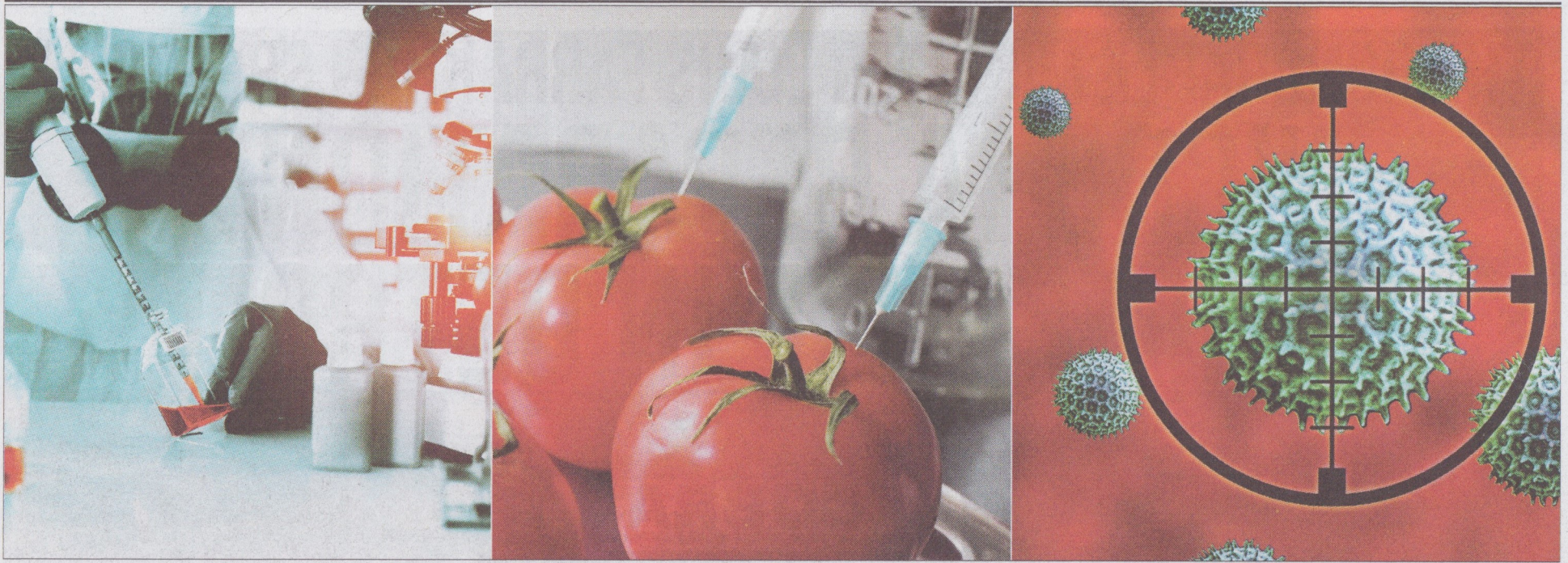


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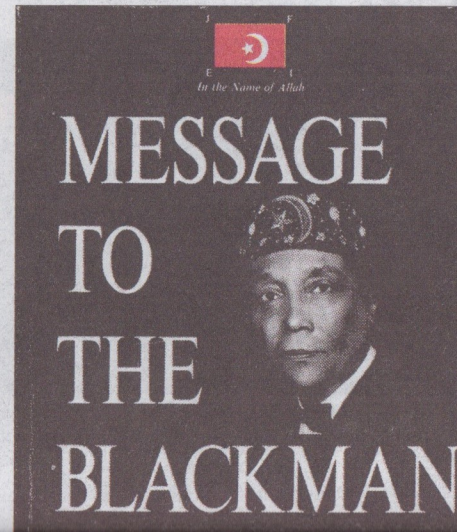
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The American so-called Negroes are gravely deceived by the slave-masters' teaching of God and the true religion of God. They do not know they are deceived and earnestly believe they are right regardless of how vile the White race may be.

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raoh and give them land of their own, they set out to contend with Moses and to help Pharaoh not God (Jehovah).

The government of Pharaoh had no love for Israel, just as America has no love for the so-called Negroes. Pharaoh became afraid of the truth that Moses was teaching his people in the midst of his country.

So Pharaoh began to plan the death of Moses and the future of Israel by killing off the babies. Pharaoh wanted Moses put to death because he was teaching his people the truth of Pharaoh and his government of wickedness. Today, America is afraid of the power our great number presents. She fears that if we ever unite we would, overnight become independent.

PLAN TO DESTROY OUR RACE

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The American so-called Negroes are gravely deceived by the slave-masters' teaching of God and the true religion of God. They do not know they are deceived and earnestly believe they are right regardless of how vile the White race may be.

My poor people are mentally blind, deaf and dumb and full of fear. Blind because they do not see the light of truth after being shown it for over thirty years. Deaf because they will not hear the truth, Islam that has come to them from Allah through the Messenger (myself).

They are dumb because they will not see or open their ears and hearts after the light has shown clear for many years. You are full of the fear that was instilled in you when you were babies, so Allah told. This fear was put in you by the White slave-masters through torture, lynching, burning, raping and killings and has caused you to be blind, deaf and dumb.

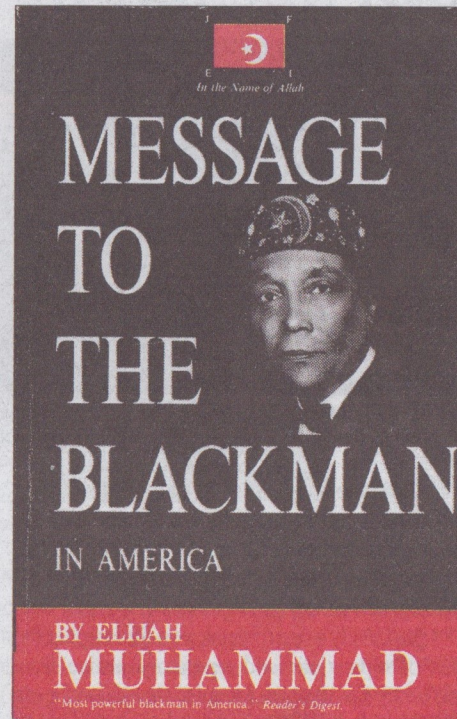
This fear of the White slave-master has caused you to love them in a crazy kind of way. You, my dear people, are like a woman desperately in love with a man who does not love her. Therefore, this love is blind. This man can beat, torture, ravage, humiliate, shame and mock, but she will yet love him. And even when someone tries to tell her that this man is no good for her and certainly does not love her, she will yet love him, and will become angered and defend such a man. This is a very sad thing, but a very true picture of the so-called Negroes. They love their



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tormentors.

Beware, they do not love you, they are like dogs with a bone. They do not want you to be taken by Allah's messenger to your salvation. They want to carry you with them to their doom. The wicked White devils are by no means asleep to the knowledge of the time. They are really on the job trying to keep all of those who are blind, deaf and dumb to what is going on in this day and time men-



tally dead. They watch every step of the righteous Muslims, seeking to do them harm in their endeavor to spread the truth (Islam).

The people of Allah (so-called Negroes) are dumb to the time as the people were in the days when Moses was sent to Pharaoh to bring his people out of bondage into a land wherein they could enjoy independence. Instead of the Israelites being joyful to hear that Allah was ready to deliver them from Pha-

raoh and give them land of their own, they set out to contend with Moses and to help Pharaoh not God (Jehovah).

The government of Pharaoh had no love for Israel, just as America has no love for the so-called Negroes. Pharaoh became afraid of the truth that Moses was teaching his people in the midst of his country.

So Pharaoh began to plan the death of Moses and the future of Israel by killing off the babies. Pharaoh wanted Moses put to death because he was teaching his people the truth of Pharaoh and his government of wickedness. Today, America is afraid of the power our great number presents. She fears that if we ever unite we would, overnight become independent.

America desires to keep us a subjected people. So she, therefore, wants to stop our birth (as Pharaoh did). The Birth Control Law or Act of today is directed directly at the so-called Negroes and not at the American Whites. The story of Moses and Pharaoh is a warning to you today. They are seeking to destroy our race by the birth control law, just as Pharaoh sought to stop Moses' race by killing off all the male babies at birth. They are seeking to destroy our race through our women. **DO NOT LET THEM TRICK YOU.**

Follow me and we will, with the help of Allah, stop this most wicked sin against our people.

(Reprinted from "Message To The Blackman In America," 1965.)

THE HONORABLE MINISTER LOUIS FARRAKHAN SPEAKS AT N'COBRA REPARATIONS CONFERENCE IN DETROIT

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I greet all of you, my dear brothers and sisters, with the greeting words of peace. We say it in the Arabic language: As-Salaam Alai-



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I personally want to thank you for keeping the idea of reparations and reparatory justice front and center for 30 years. I want to thank you for enduring what our people put on us when they don't understand who they are, don't understand what is rightfully theirs. And, when you try to point it out to them, unfortunately, some of us become our worst enemies and we break the spirit of those who want to try and lead us in a better way.

But I thank God for N'Cobra, I thank God for the movement of Black Nationalism and Pan-Africanism. I thank God for all of us who struggle under different names. But every organization has value and only tribalism will keep us from seeing the value of one another. So looking at what Dr. Worrill said of the Minister in secret and in the

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It does not matter.

What does matter is that we are a suffering people and we cannot afford the luxury any longer of feeding the divisions, the tribal manifestations of slavery and neocolonialism and colonialism.

We have to see all of us who struggle as one nation, one people with one great objective—total liberation of every Black man, woman and child on our planet.

One of the things that my teacher, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, said to me was think for the whole, speak for the whole. Don't just think for those who are Muslims. Don't just think for those who are Nationalists. Don't just think for those who are Civil Righters. Think for the whole

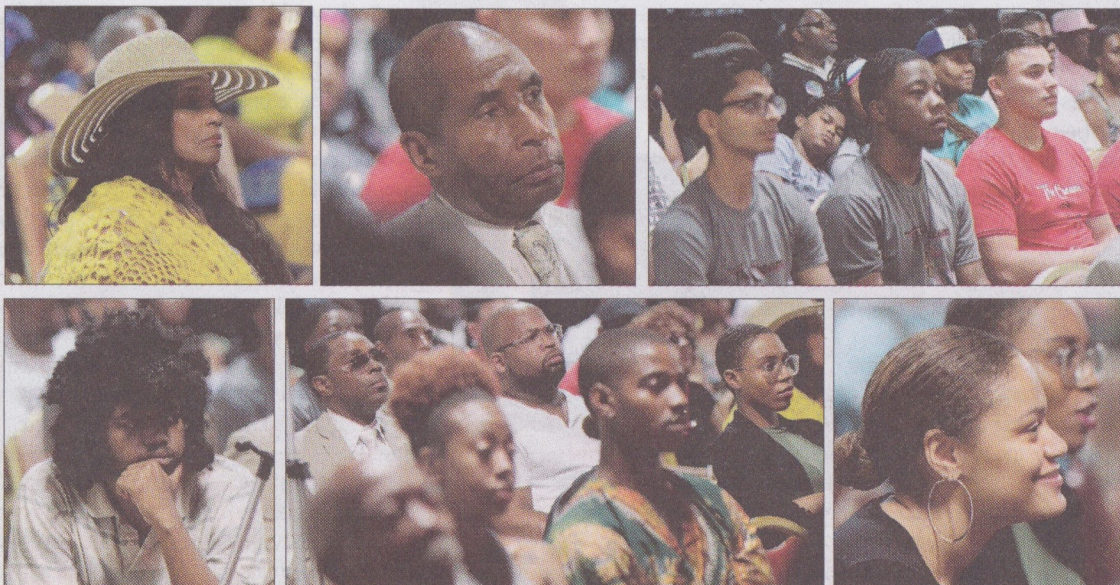
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Now having said that, I just returned from the holy cities of Mecca and Madinah in the Arab and Muslim World where we were very warmly received, highly respected, because the Muslim World does not have a champion. Practically everybody has been co-opted. But there's a free Black man in America who is un-bought, has not and will not bow to the forces that control this world. So, I have been a consistent Black man on this battlefield ever since I became conscious 64 years ago.

I don't know how many of you have been on the battle front for over 60 years or nearly 70 years, but I have and I'm no way tired. There's a verse in the Qur'an that says Allah



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Love is the only force that will put errant ego to rest. Love is the only force that will cause us to see how much of nothing I and we are as individuals.

But how great we are when we can put our ego into submission to what is in the best interest of the whole. So, I want to start from the back page of The Final Call and I want to go over something in hopes that we can agree on, not religion, but universal principles that apply to every human being that walks on this planet.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad in the early 1960s came up with a program that he said was in accord with universal law and principles that is backed by the teachings of God and the prophets and the sages and wise people that have come up in every generation among every people.

He put something out called "What the Muslims Want." He used the definite article "the." He was implying that old Islam



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had served its purpose. It was dominated by non-original people. They did the best they could because Islam is not a religion; Islam is the nature of God and the nature in which He created the human being. Every dog barks no matter what species because barking is a natural response for dogs. Every creature makes a sound that identifies it and with that sound that creature communicates with its own and some makes sounds that communicate to other species not necessarily their own.

So when the lion roars all species understand it ain't my language, but that lion is talking to me and I better understand what the lion is saying because in it is a warning. No wonder the Bible says, "there's a lion asleep in Judah who is going to wake him?" So those of us that are in the lodge or in the Masonic order, the lion's paw is the only thing that could raise the master architect from death.

We are the lions of civilization. That is memorialized in the desert of Egypt with the head of a Black man on the body of a lion called Abu L'hawl, "the Father of Everything." But the face of the lion is the face of a Black human being. Napoleon was so upset with

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And if reparations does not repair our broken minds, our corrupted souls and bring us anew again, we can say we're engaged in reparation masturbation. I'm not trying to be vulgar, but our expressions are vulgar—if it only is for a few. We all have to be made anew; not half made—made anew. Our lives have to be transformed so the reparation has to start where the original creature started.

"Well wait a minute Farrakhan do I have to accept your religion?" Accept your own religion. But most of us don't know what that is. Accept the nature of yourself, which is righteousness. Start practicing the doing of what is right—loving for your brother and your sister what you love for yourself; doing unto others as you would have them do unto you. Otherwise, we'll always be these niggers struggling with concepts that we can't figure out.

I have to speak straight words. That's the luxury of being old. I know the young ones always ask the elders, "do I have permission to speak?" And, we'll say only if you got something to say. Because some of the elders need to shut up if they don't know

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what to say. ...

Righteousness is our nature; righteousness is the power of your being. You do not have power being wrong. You rob yourself of power when you think like a thief. We raise money and put it in the hands of somebody and they are trying to find a way to take it. I'm not casting aspersions on anybody, but I've lived long enough to know that everybody can't handle everybody's money.

All our organizations will fail if the love of the Creator is not at the root of it. Because any gift that you have, you didn't give it to yourself. Any gift that you discover that you have, you ought to know that somebody that loved you more than you loved yourself gave you that gift. But no matter what gift you have, you have to know how to use it in accord with the nature of God and the nature of your being. Then your gift will bring fruit and multiply good.

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not to lift the level of consciousness of our audiences with our oratorical skill. God is the only reality. He's alive in every generation yet He's so old we can't fathom his beginning. But there's not a generation that lives that doesn't talk about the Originator of the Heavens and the Earth. Some of us have been at this thing a long time and we're tired now, and time has passed us by. And time will pass us all by if you don't pass time with the God of time who gave you your assignment.

Listen to what I'm saying. Everybody gets old except God. As I said last night, I'm in an embrace with 90 years of age; we're at a distance you know. I'm holding that pretty girl at a distance you know but she's trying to tell me come a little closer. When you get to these ages you got to think about mortality. What am I going to leave behind for another generation?

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ways be relevant no matter how old you are.

I have a lot of young people around me. When I can look in organizations and see the bald and the gray and the toothless, and I don't see the young people in the organization then the organization will die when we die. If you're not attractive to young people check yourself. Young people know that old people get old. And if they don't know all they got to do is just keep breathing. And as the saying goes, you'll understand it better by and by.

Young people will follow us if they know that we are for their success and we are willing to share with them the knowledge of our life experience so that they won't make the mistakes that we have made starting from scratch. Church is dying. Don't tell me you're the UNIA (Universal Negro Improvement Association started by the Hon. Marcus Garvey) and you don't have young people. Mr. Garvey is alive, if we are alive with

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So, the next time you go to church or go to the mosque or go to your organizational meetings look and see who you're talking to. Some toothless person whose breath is not too nice to smell—I'm sorry—I'm trying to tell us that youth should be all around us that's the way the reparations movement will never die.



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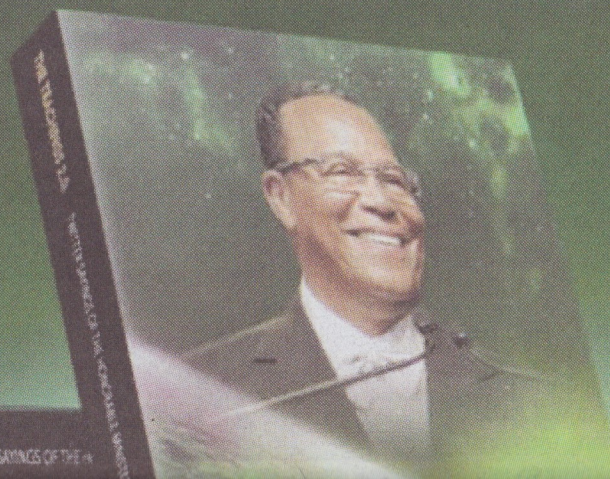
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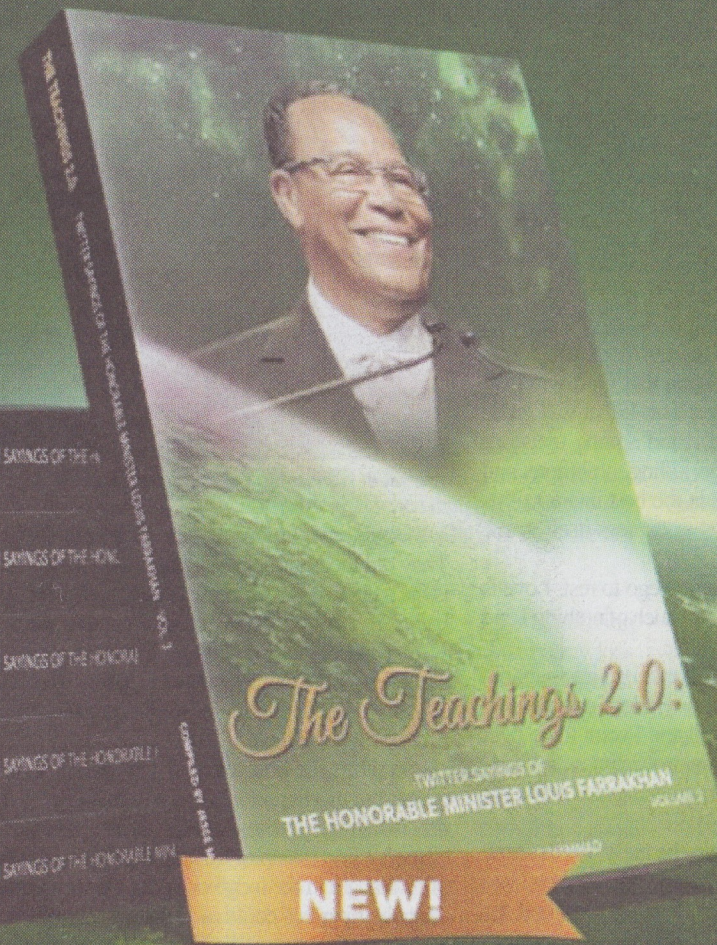
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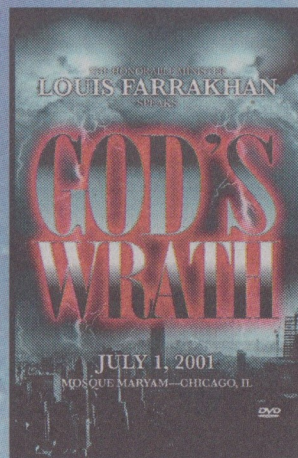
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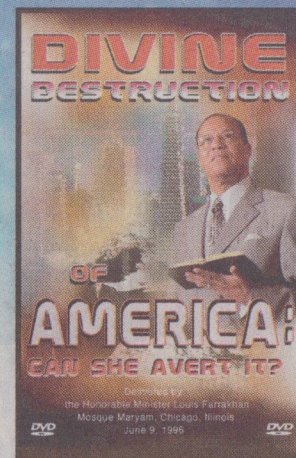
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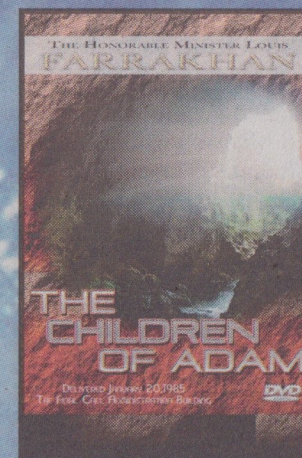
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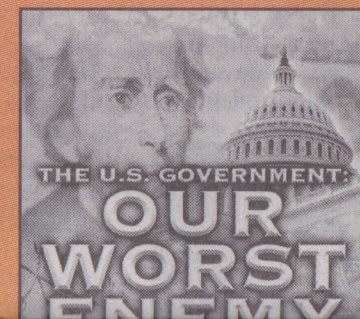
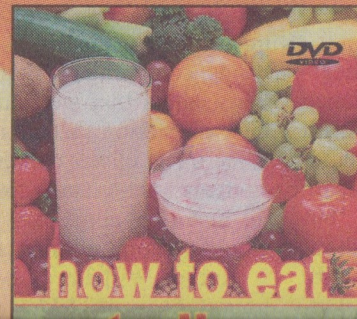
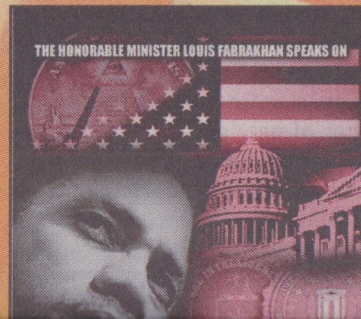
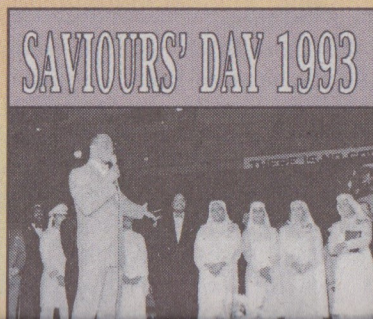
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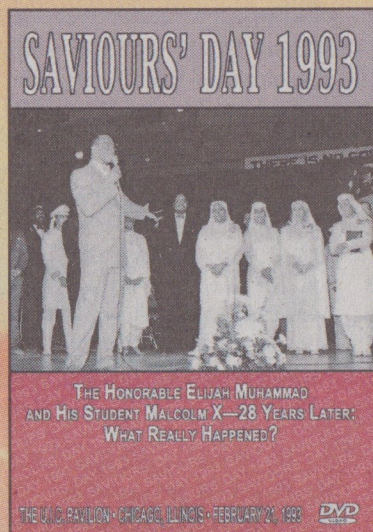
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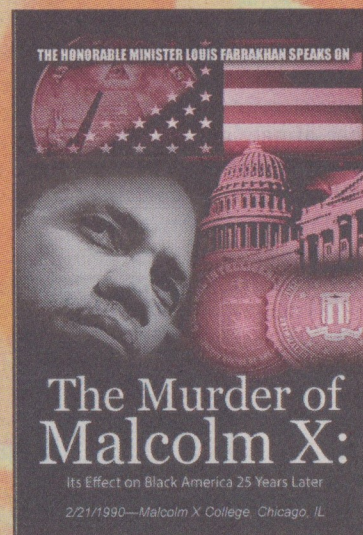
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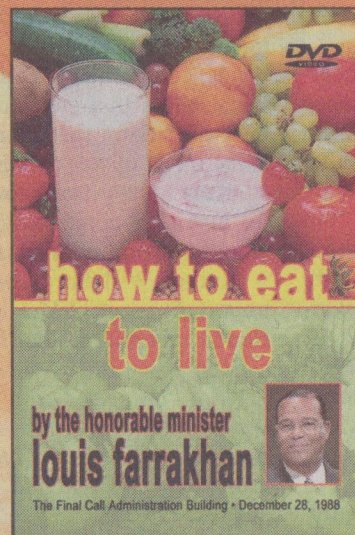
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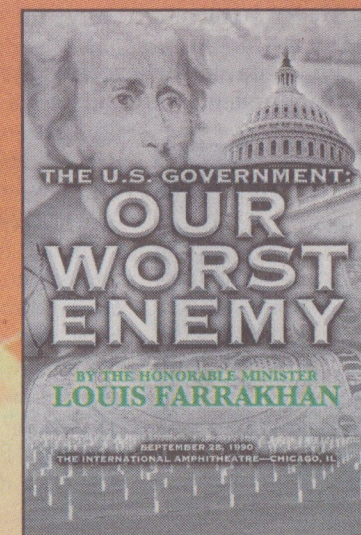
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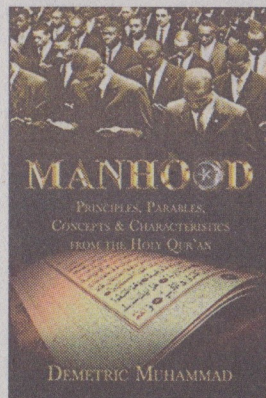
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Black Manhood

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deliver an address to a conference of powerful investors and business people in Boca Raton, Florida.

I find Mr. Wanniski's comments very consistent with research that I have produced in historical context of the condition of Black men within American society. In February of this year, I published a book entitled *"Manhood Principles, Parables, Concepts and Characteristics from the Holy Qur'an"*.

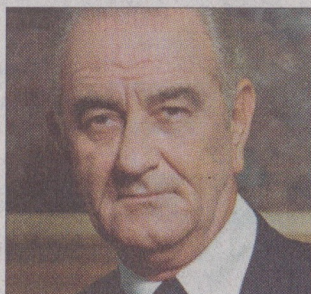
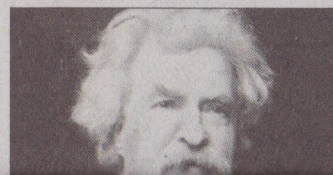


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warning entitled *"The Rising Tide of Color Against White World Supremacy"*. In his survey of the geo-political and global racial landscapes he wrote:

"Certainly, all white men, whether professing Christians or not, should welcome the success of [Christian] missionary efforts in Africa. ... All Negroes will someday be either Christians or Moslems. In so far as he is Christianized, the Negro's savage instincts will be restrained and he will be disposed to acquiesce in white tutelage. In so far as he is Islamized, the Negro's warlike propensities will be inflamed, and he will ... drive the white man from Africa and make the continent its very own."

He continued by writing about the fighting nature of the African people and it being stimulated by their Islamic faith:

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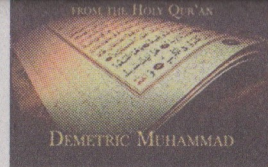
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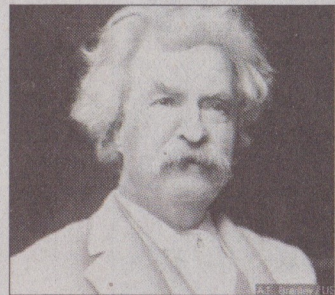
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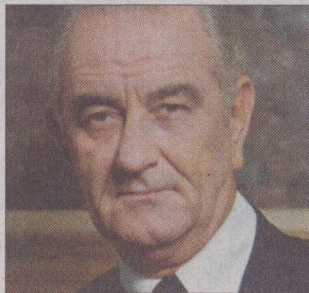
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Samuel L. Clemens, known by his pen name Mark Twain

President Johnson's and Mark Twain's quotes highlight the truth that the destruction of Black Manhood has been a societal norm in America. These statements, and what they admit, coming from such prominent and highly respected American icons cannot be overemphasized! They strongly punctuate and should actually frame current public discourse surrounding the issue of reparations.

The deliberate destruction of Black Manhood has always been based on the fear of the Black man's expected and justified resistance and opposition to the enslavement and subjugation of Black people in America.



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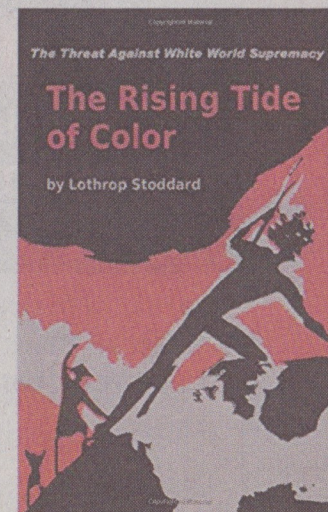
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The students and followers of Minister Farrakhan are unwilling to accept such an undignified status within American society. So the Minister's magnificent message is feared and opposed only by those who seek to keep us perpetually serving in these degrading roles; the roles of the "Negro": a living dead person.

Minister Farrakhan's identity as a Muslim as well as a revolutionary leader is especially concerning to the ruling powers. T. Lothrop Stoddard at the turn of the 20th century wrote an epic



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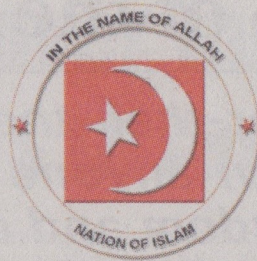
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"I remember the Black Muslims from when I was growing up, I remember them as symbols of male self-possession and potency. In my racial imagination, they could meet me face to face, but not on my own terms. They represented something that I never otherwise encountered as an adolescent; a cultural way of being American that was close enough to engage me, compete with me, put demands on me, but independent enough to resist me, and even ignore or mock me. I never felt so white,

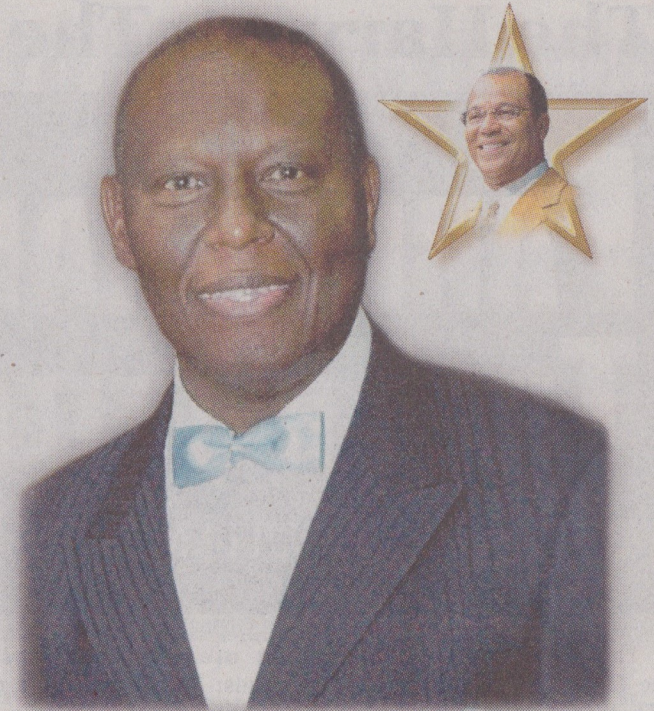
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BY JABRIL MUHAMMAD

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"So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawless-

ness, and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

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The Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught that the above parables are prophesies being fulfilled today. Since the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan is, as his teacher was, the Sower of The Truth, and the soil is our hearts, what is our answer to the question: **"Have you understood all these things?"**

More next issue, Allah willing.

THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION BEGINS / IN SEARCH OF THE MESSIAH

The Declaration of Independence, July the Fourth: A warning to Modern Pharaoh (America) and the Descendants of her Ex-Slaves

Unveiling the Number

by Mother Tynnetta Muhammad

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On this Independence Day, let us remember as a people that America no longer owns her once-Black slaves. Almighty God Allah has claimed us as His Own.

[Editor's Note: This article is reprinted from Vol. 25, No. 38 and The Final Call will continue to reprint articles written by our late and dear Mother Tynnetta Muhammad.]

"Go thou and thy brother with My messages and be not remiss in remembering Me. Go both of you to Pharaoh, surely he is inordinate; Then speak to him a gentle word, haply he mind or fear. They said: Our Lord, we fear lest he hasten to do evil to us or be inordinate. He said: Fear not, surely I am with you—I do hear and see."—Holy Qur'an, Surah 20, verses 42-46

It is not a coincidence that our newspaper, *The Final Call*, is being published in the same timeframe of the date that corresponds to America's Independence Day celebration. As we will further note, this has great

In further readings from this chapter on pages 72 and 73, we end with this statement: "Let us rejoice on this day, the 4th of July, in the coming of Allah (God) Who came in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad to Whom praises are due forever and give thanks to Him. Let us enjoy the independence He brought to us and the freedom, justice and equality. He brought these things to us not by killing off the Red Indians nor any original settlers. Justice, righteousness is the ammunition used by Allah (God)."

The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, the great helper of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, sent two letters to President Bush on Dec. 1, 2001 and Oct. 30, 2002, warning him of the consequences of further prosecuting the war in Iraq. To our knowledge, no response has been forthcoming. Ever since the coming of Master Fard Muhammad and His finding of His Lost and Found People (Nation of Islam),

ing great meaning and significance. Several years ago, a movie was produced called "Independence Day," and unveiled a threat to this country coming from outer space, which was symbolized in a great mechanical ship (Mother's Ship) of advanced technology. The mechanics of this ship truly contained weapons of mass destruction targeted on the United States.

In the book "The Fall of America," Chapter 16 is also entitled "Independence Day." Now, 42 chapters later on in the book, we find that Chapter 58 is entitled: "The Mother Plane." Reversing the number 58, we get 85; prefixing this number by 19, we get the date 1985. This is the year in which the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan had an extraordinary vision-like experience where he was taken to the Mother Plane and was instructed by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad of the plans of the United States Government to wage a war somewhere on our planet. Is this

cording to the Divine Teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Could that meeting have represented what the Bible states in Exodus 3, verse 7, about Jehovah's coming down from heaven talking to Pharaoh, after having seen the affliction of His people in Egypt (America today) and having heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters (slave-masters), knowing their sorrows and grief, making preparation to deliver them, is there a connection to the appearance of the Mother Plane and the vision-like experience of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan to the Great Ship that was pointed to us by Master Fard Muhammad in the early days of His coming?

He, Master W. F. Muhammad, intervened in our affairs on July 4, 1930 and raised the Honorable Elijah Muhammad in our midst as a Saviour and Deliverer. The wicked opponents are always planning the destruction of the righteous, whom God has called and

fears that if we ever unite, we would overnight become independent. America desires to keep us a subjected people, so she, therefore, wants to stop our birth (as Pharaoh did). The Birth Control Law or Act of today is directed directly at the so-called Negroes and not at the American Whites. The story of Moses and the Pharaoh is a warning to you today. They are seeking to destroy our race by the birth control law, just as Pharaoh sought to stop Moses' race by killing off all the male babies at birth. They are seeking to destroy our race through our women. DO NOT LET THEM TRICK YOU."

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[Editor's Note: This article is reprinted from Vol. 25, No. 38 and The Final Call will continue to reprint articles written by our late and dear Mother Tynnetta Muhammad.]

"Go thou and thy brother with My messages and be not remiss in remembering Me. Go both of you to Pharaoh, surely he is inordinate; Then speak to him a gentle word, haply he mind or fear. They said: Our Lord, we fear lest he hasten to do evil to us or be inordinate. He said: Fear not, surely I am with you—I do hear and see."—Holy Qur'an, Surah 20, verses 42-46

It is not a coincidence that our newspaper, *The Final Call*, is being published in the same timeframe of the date that corresponds to America's Independence Day celebration. As we will further note, this has great significance as it also marks our Black Independence Day.

"Let us take a look again at our own Black Independence and how it came on this same day of the 4th of July at the Coming of Allah (God) Who Came in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad, to Whom praises are due forever, on July 4, 1930. The significance of His coming to us, on the Independence Day of the White man is very great. It is their day of great rejoicing. As with former peoples and their governments, their destruction took place when they were at the height of their rejoicing."

Excerpts from "The Fall of America" by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, pages 68-69.

In further readings from this chapter on pages 72 and 73, we end with this statement: "Let us rejoice on this day, the 4th of July, in the coming of Allah (God) Who came in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad to Whom praises are due forever and give thanks to Him. Let us enjoy the independence He brought to us and the freedom, justice and equality. He brought these things to us not by killing off the Red Indians nor any original settlers. Justice, righteousness is the ammunition used by Allah (God)."

The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, the great helper of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, sent two letters to President Bush on Dec. 1, 2001 and Oct. 30, 2002, warning him of the consequences of further prosecuting the war in Iraq. To our knowledge, no response has been forthcoming. Ever since the coming of Master Fard Muhammad and His finding of His Lost and Found People (Nation of Islam), we are no longer considered to be the property of the United States Government. We have been given the Holy Names of Allah such as Farrakhan, Muhammad and Ali, which means that the authority over us is God Himself.

I have placed before us two recognizable flags, one that represents the United States government with 50 stars on a blue background and 13 red and white stripes. This flag corresponds to territorial and border conquests in America. The second flag bearing the emblem of the sun, moon and star represents the universal flag of Islam from which we all derive benefits of light and heat and divine guidance. Each flag covers a sphere of influence and thus represents Independence Day carry-

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In the book "The Fall of America," Chapter 16 is also entitled "Independence Day." Now, 42 chapters later on in the book, we find that Chapter 58 is entitled: "The Mother Plane." Reversing the number 58, we get 85; prefixing this number by 19, we get the date 1985. This is the year in which the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan had an extraordinary vision-like experience where he was taken to the Mother Plane and was instructed by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad of the plans of the United States Government to wage a war somewhere on our planet. Is this not a part of what we are experiencing today? Will this war spread to Europe and boomerang back to America? Are we, the Muslims in your midst, the ultimate target of this assault?

When Master Fard Muhammad made His first public appearance in America on July 4, 1930, America was celebrating her 154th year since the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Today, 76 years later in 2006, America is celebrating her 230th anniversary. What does the time hold for us and what might we expect between now and the prophetic time line of 2012-2013? Seventy-six (76) years ago, Herbert Hoover was the president of the United States and Master W. F. Muhammad met directly with him, ac-

cording to the Divine Teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Could that meeting have represented what the Bible states in Exodus 3, verse 7, about Jehovah's coming down from heaven talking to Pharaoh, after having seen the affliction of His people in Egypt (America today) and having heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters (slave-masters), knowing their sorrows and grief, making preparation to deliver them, is there a connection to the appearance of the Mother Plane and the vision-like experience of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan to the Great Ship that was pointed to us by Master Fard Muhammad in the early days of His coming?

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From "Message to the Blackman in America" by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, he writes on pages 66 and 67, the wicked plans of Pharaoh against God's people:

"So Pharaoh began to plan the death of Moses and the future of Israel by killing off the babies. Pharaoh wanted Moses put to death because he was teaching his people the truth of Pharaoh and his government, of wickedness. Today, America is afraid of the power our great number presents. She

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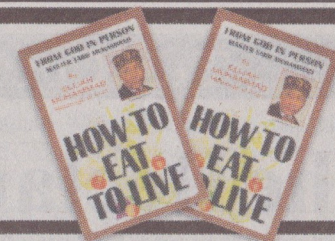
"So go you to him and say: Surely we are two messengers of thy Lord; so send forth the Children of Israel with us; and torment them not. Indeed we have brought to thee a message from thy Lord, and peace to him who follows the guidance. It has indeed been revealed to us that punishment will overtake him who rejects and turns away."—Holy Qur'an, Surah 20, verses 47-48

To be continued.



How To Eat To Live

BY THE MOST HONORABLE ELIJAH MUHAMMAD



KNOW TRUTH ABOUT FLESH OF THE SWINE

I told you how Allah taught me the birth of the swine, and for the purpose for making this animal only was for the Whites. Because of their being a grafted race, they were made weaker, physically, through the man from whom they came (the Black man). Since the body of the grafted is weaker than the original body, it would be easier for them to attract germs than the original man. You should not argue with me about this because all of the diseases that trouble us today—from social disease to cancer—came from the White race, one way or another.

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As you have in the Bible, Lucifer's (Yakub) fall also represents the fall of his race. The lake or sea in which they choked and perished, is the same lake mentioned in the Revelations of John—that all that had the mark of the beast, the representatives of the beast and the false prophets (priests and preachers of Christianity) referred to as being cast alive in a lake of fire.

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They are too wise to dispute the truth. Read the story in the Bible where Jesus met a man who was possessed of evil spirits. When the evil spirits recognized Jesus to be from God—knowing they would have no chance to contend with him over their presence in the man where they did not belong—they pleaded with Jesus to let them go into the swine, and Jesus agreed. The man who was possessed of evil spirits was none other than the American so-called Negroes. The evil spirits in them are from the White race, making them eat the divinely-prohibited flesh of the swine. The devils were allowed to go into the swine. They ran down a steep place into a lake or sea and perished.

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This is how he makes you to break all of the commandments of God. Because he is God's enemy and yours and mine, he has you breaking the divine law. We did this because we saw him doing it and at that time had no teacher of our own. These are the tricks of your hidden enemies and their own concocted religion called Christianity, which is deceiving and leading you to your doom with them.

I am your brother, and Allah has revealed to me the truth for your salvation. Jesus also prophesied that the truth would free you—that is, if you accept the truth. The thing you must understand in this parable of Jesus is that, actually, the visible swine could not have gone crazy and choked in the sea or lake, because of the spirit of the devil was sent in them in the meaning that Jesus wants you to understand. The swine that was

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I cannot force you to halt your down-hill plunge with them into the lake of fire. I only have been missioned to warn you in the simplest language. I cannot force you to go to hell or heaven.

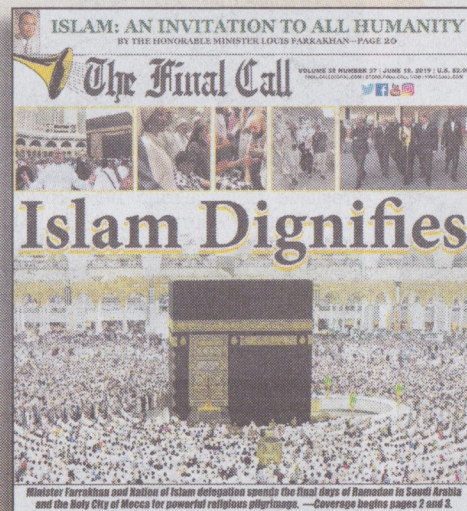
Your sweetheating and wanting to marry them is like a frog trying to court a rattlesnake. The rattlesnake gives the frog freedom to do so because he intends to swallow the frog. Taking the death dealing pill and the knife to destroy your future generations are examples. Socializing with them is no sign of justice, but a sign that they have deceived you into going to hell with them. Take it or leave it.

(Reprinted from "How To Eat To Live," Book Two, 1972.)

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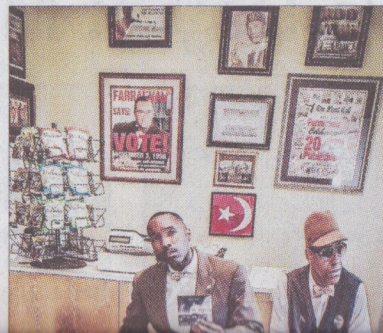
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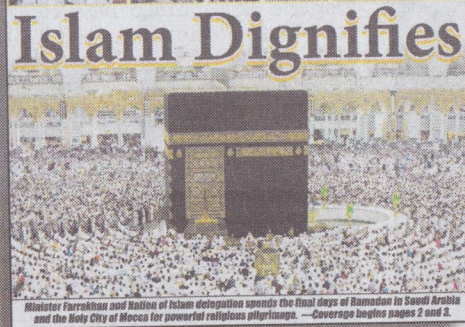
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Dallas Representative AlShaheed Muhammad is calling on his fellow student ministers of the Nation of Islam to go harder in utilizing a major tool that got the message out and that helped organize and mobilize the incredible march: The Final Call newspaper.

"How much does the Final Call weigh? It weighs a great deal, because we own, control and distribute it to our communities all over the nation," he declared from Muhammad Mosque No. 48.

He wants to challenge all student ministers in the Nation of Islam to see who can push the most Final Calls from the date of the publishing of this story, to Saviours' Day 2020 in Detroit. It's an individual sales contest student minister to student minister.

As the enemy tries to hinder and hide the truth, it's time to push the program and the newspaper to the masses, he said. Who will accept this challenge? Any student minister who will accept this individual sales challenge should contact Final Call editor Richard B. Muhammad and throw his gauntlet down. Minister Al-Shaheed says he's ready to go!

He has even come up with hashtag: #GetYourFinalCall-



Al-Shaheed Muhammad, left, wants to challenge student ministers in Final Call sales.



WeightUp. The contest winner will be based on who sells or distributes the most individual newspapers as a student minister. Those in the contest should have their local secretaries report the numbers every week to the editor of The Final Call newspaper. The highest total number of individual sales for a student minister will yield the winner.

Minister Al-Shaheed wants the greater Dallas community to run and get The Final Call like never before, so people can see the great value of the man that Facebook and Instagram banned. His hope is more people will get The Final Call all over America—and Europe.

He is not just a student minister but is also a hip-hop artist, known as Rukoo and is touring the Dallas-Ft. Worth area with his music. He works closely with Dynasty Hip-Hop Mentoring Program, which has a recording studio in the mosque and uses music to help reach at risk youth from the neighborhood. He also is working to start businesses and stay active in the community.

"We will see how much The Final Call weighs, if my fellow brother ministers accept the challenge," he said. Any takers?

#GetYourFinalCallWeightUp
—Jihad Hassan Muhammad

An evening of appreciation on Chicago's West Side

CHICAGO—On the West Side of Chicago lays a house of love, strength and integrity and that's the Nation of Islam Chicago West Side Study Group. The Study Group recently held an appreciation dinner for the Believers to show gratitude for their dedication while assisting the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan in the mission of resurrecting the Black man and woman on the West Side of the city.

Student Ministers Caleb Muhammad and Abdul Muhammad, along with Sister Marilyn Muhammad, presented awardees with Appreciation Awards. Brother Marvel X and Brother Willis Muhammad spearheaded the event in their love for the brotherhood and the sisterhood and made sure dinner was provided with the help of the FOI. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves on this beautiful evening.

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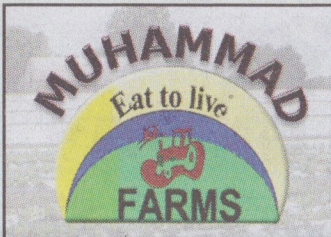
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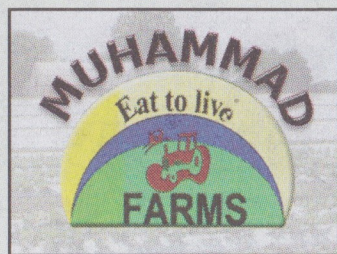
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To celebrate the coming of the Great Mahdi, Master Fard Muhammad, who came to North America to find and save the Lost Sheep, which are the 40 million Black people of North America, and set them on the path of righteousness and independence, Muhammad Farms is hosting its annual Founder's Day, July 5-7 located at 2569 Southpoint Rd., in Bronwood, Georgia.

Activities will include: a country fish fry, meet and greet, a career in agriculture seminar for youth, farm tours, a "Footsteps of the Messenger" tour, and much more.

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a profession in life never give a second thought to the fact that farming and agriculture is the first profession that Allah (God) introduced to man, the Minister stated in his 52-week lecture series, "The Time and What Must Be Done."

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providing for our communities our own grown foods such as organic navy beans, lentils, honey, flour, and much more.

For more information including registration, cost, lodging, what to wear and bring and rules for the trip, visit

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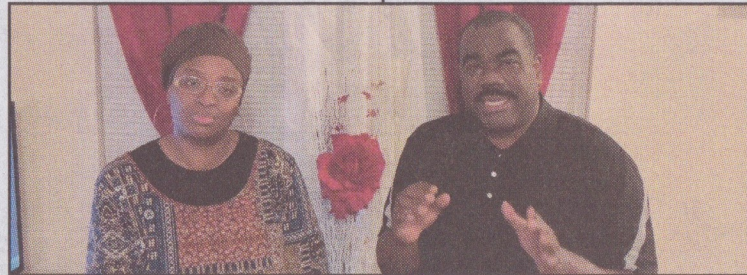
For anyone interested in going to Muhammad Farms for Founder's Day from Chicago, call Sister Judith Muhammad at (773) 653-0252, email judithmuhammad@yahoo.com, Facebook Judith Muhammad.

Marriage and Family, the foundation of a Nation

The 9th Annual Marriage Retreat | The 4th Annual Singles, Social Weekend

The Marriage Keepers—Marcus and Cecelia Muhammad present: the 9th Annual Marriage Retreat which will take place in New York City! Save the date! **August 15 - August 18**. This year we are going to have so much fun in New York City as we learn about how to take care of one another and have peace in our homes. This year's theme is "Let There be Peace in Your Marriage." The hotel where this is all happening is the Hampton Inn Brooklyn/Downtown, 125 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn, New York 11201.

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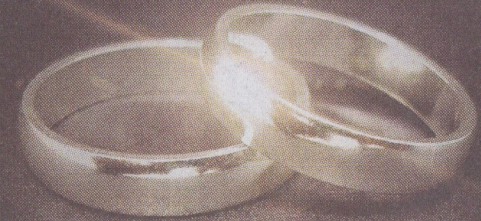


Regional Student Minister Abdul Hafeez Muhammad and his wife Sister Loray.

The non-refundable registration is only \$199.99. Hotel rooms are additional. *For more information, registration, and prices visit The Marriage Keepers on Facebook or call Brother Marcus at 770-256-8856.*

The Marriage Keepers and Muhammad Study Group of Brunswick, Georgia, present: The 4th Annual Singles, Social Weekend! This year's theme: "What God has joined together!" The dates for this event are **August 30 - September 1** at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 500 Mall Blvd., Brunswick, Georgia, 31525. The

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This event is only for active, Registered FOI and MGT! The \$50 registration fee per person is non-refundable. *For more information, registration, and prices visit The Marriage Keepers on Facebook or call Brother Marcus at (770) 256-8856.*

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During the conference, participants enjoyed various workshops ranging from topics such as dignitary protection, motorcade security, check post procedure, threat assessment, threat extraction, actionable intel procedures and much more. There will be a women-only session. Youth will also have their own training and workshops which will feature youth development speakers. There will be a martial arts competition and banquet awards dinner. There will also be a Youth Summer Formal for ages 13-20 serving as a fundraiser for Muhammad University of Islam.

For more information, please call

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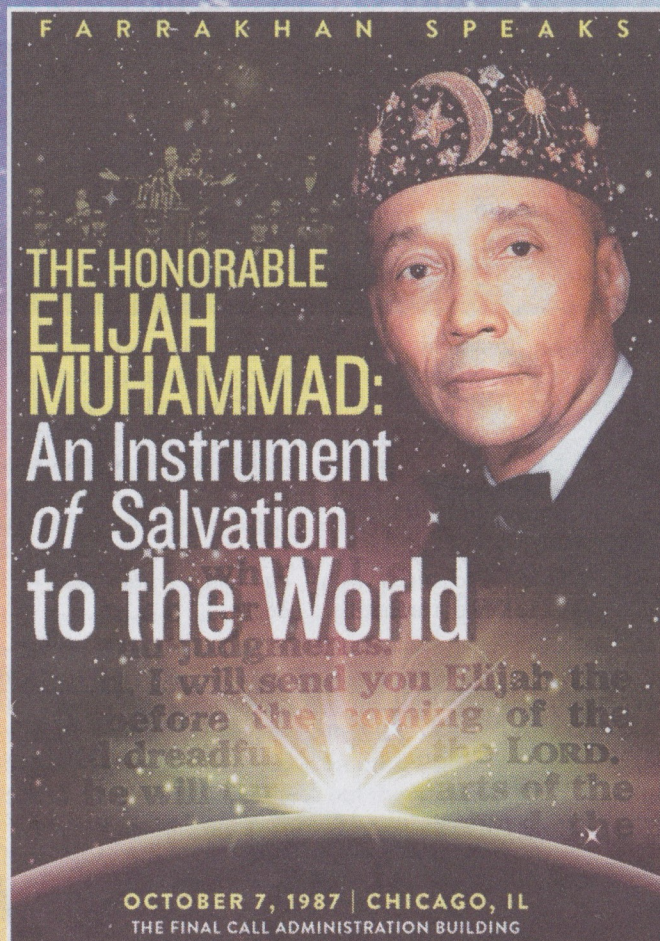
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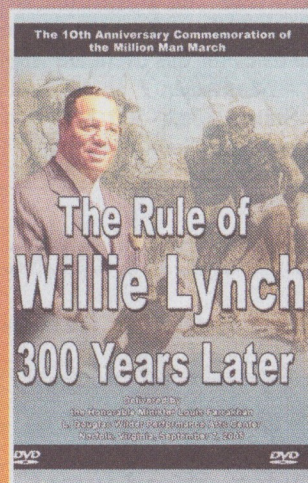
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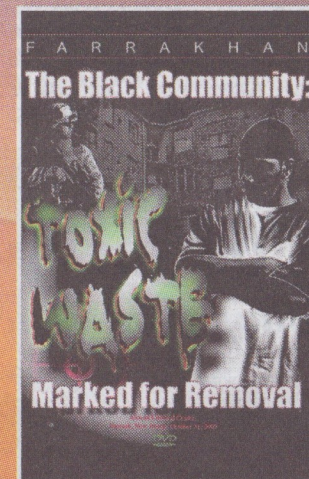
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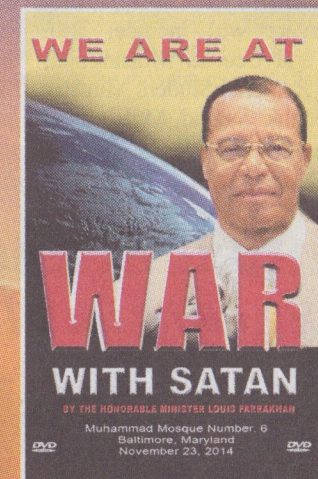
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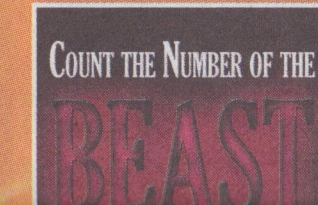
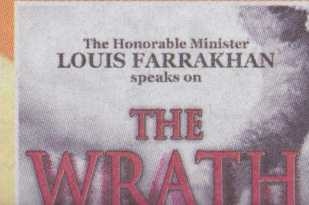
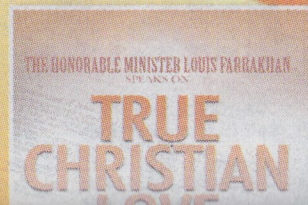
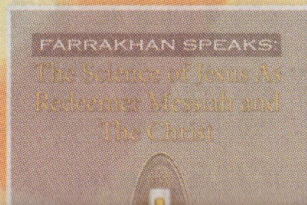
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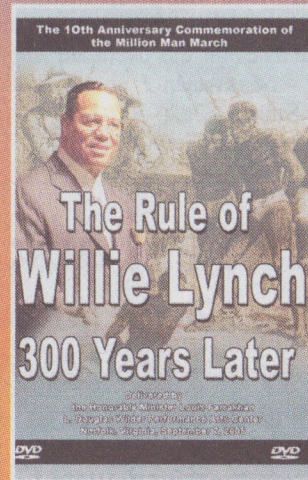
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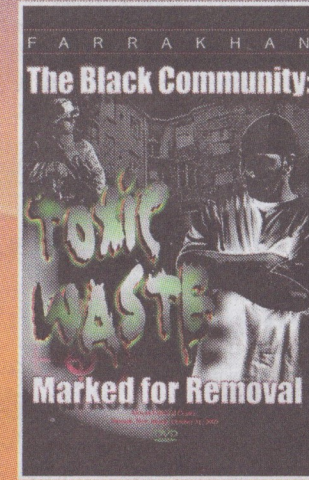
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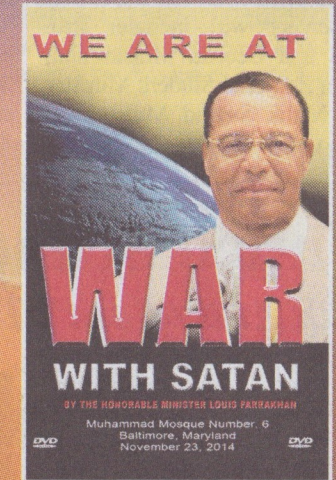
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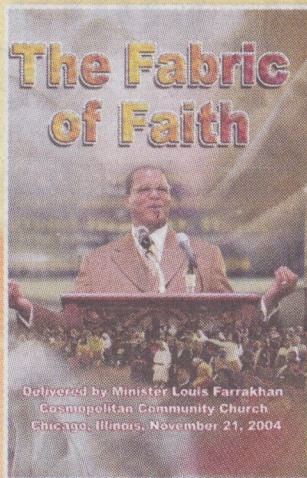
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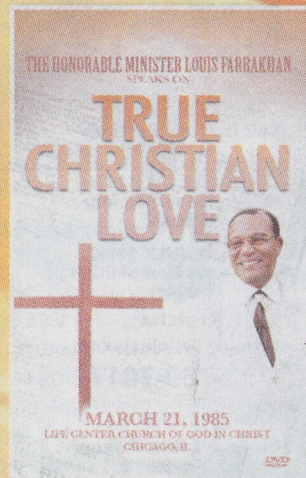
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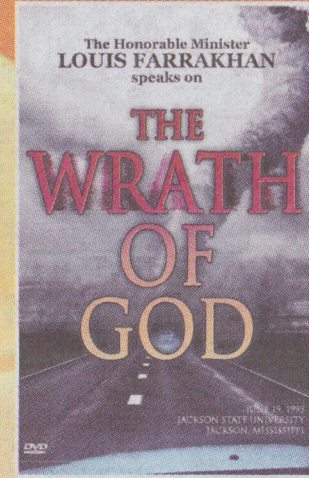
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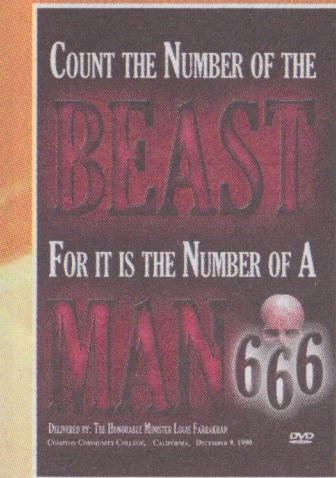
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are, what they're designed to do and how they are to be distributed; what forms and shape they should be distributed. There's a lot of misperception, a lot of incorrect notions around reparations so at this particular conference we really want to hammer home that there are international norms around reparations. When N'COBRA is fighting for reparations, that's what we're looking at—the full repair of our people” explained Mr. Howard.

He said the major misconception is that reparations mean fighting “for a check.” “Compensation is necessary but it's not the only thing that the struggle is for. There are five components to full reparations.” According to Mr. Howard two of those components include:

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Educating the Black American public on full reparations or full repair and what that means economically, spiritually, mentally and educationally is critical, organizers and presenters pointed out during several sessions of the June 20-23 conference held in Detroit.

Conference events were held at various Black institutions in the city including: the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Hotel St. Regis, Fellowship Chapel Conference Center, Timbuktu Academy of Science and Technology, Bert’s Marketplace and West Side



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Judge Greg Mathis, who was awards banquet speaker, and wife Linda (standing) spend a moment with Min. Farrakhan and his wife, Mother Khadijah Farrakhan.

Unity Church.

Longtime reparations advocates and educators attended including: Dr. Conrad Worrill, former chairman of National Black United Fund; Rev. JoAnn Watson, activist and former Detroit city councilperson; Attorney Adjoa Aiyetoro, Dr. Raymond Winbush, research professor and director of the Institute for Urban Research at Morgan State University; Attorney Nkechi Taifa; Mark Thompson, radio personality and activist; Dr. Greg Carr, chair of the African American Studies Department at Howard University, Attorney Faya Rose and many more. The gathering also paid

homage to many Black nationalist and Pan African pioneers in the liberation struggle.

HR40 was introduced 30 years ago in 1989 by former Congressman John Conyers (D-Mich.). He introduced it every year until he left Congress in 2017. Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-Texas) picked up the mantle and vows to continue reintroducing the proposed legislation. The work and tenacity of Mr. Conyers was celebrated during the weekend and attendees stood and applauded as the 90-year-old elder stopped by on the third day of the conference and shared a few words. He was also presented with the Callie House and Reparations

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Judge Mathis spoke on the importance of being free as a Black person in speaking and showing love for your people and the importance of reparations. “There is no statute of limitations for rape and murder. We deserve a serious hearing to talk about this issue,” said the popular judge who has been on the front lines working and advocating for solutions in the Flint water crisis still affecting residents.

Another highlight of the banquet was the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan being presented with the President Dr. Imari Obadele and Queen Mother Audley Moore Reparations Lifetime Achievement Award as recognition for his tireless work

REPARATIONS DEBATE

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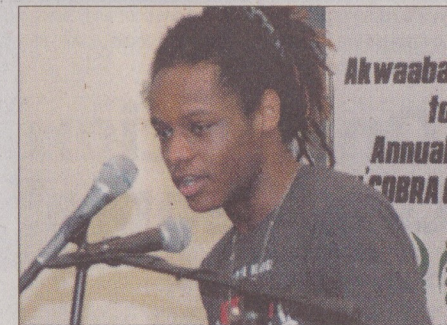
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The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, patriarch of the Nation of Islam and Min. Farrakhan's teacher, instructed his star pupil to "think and speak for the whole."

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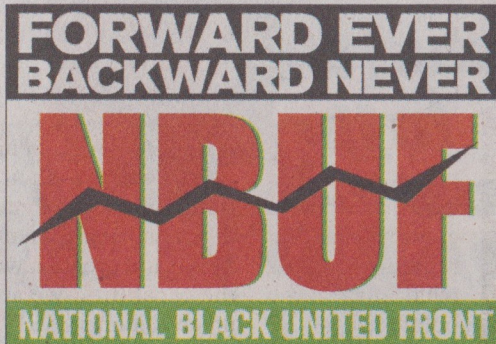


The Honorable Elijah Muhammad

What the Muslims Believe

This is the question asked most frequently by both the whites and the blacks. The answers to this question I shall state as simply as possible.

1. We want freedom. We want a full and complete freedom.
2. We want justice. Equal justice under the law. We want justice applied equally to all, regardless of creed or class or color.
3. We want equality of opportunity. We want equal membership in society with the best in civilized society.



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(Fruit of Islam, the men of the Nation of Islam). They guarded me in every city into which we went to bring back the Nation of Islam," he explained. There were Christian pastors who stood with him and the Nation in those early years, the Minister continued.

"We have to be for all or be for nothing or we will always be behind until or unless we act and think for the whole of our people."

Min. Farrakhan shared with the audience his recent trip to Saudi Arabia and the Islamic Holy cities of Mecca and Madinah. The Muslim world does not have a champion and practically all leadership has been co-opted, he continued.

"But there's a free Black man (who) is unbought, has not and will not bow to the forces that control this world. I have been a consistent Black man on this battlefield ever since I became conscious 64 years ago."

Vanity is a detriment to the unity and progress of Black people. Blacks in leadership must be true to the principles of love in order to be an effective catalyst in the healing of their people.

"Love is the only force that will put errant ego to rest," said Min. Farrakhan.

Black people must be made new

Elijah Muhammad introduced The Muslim Program which appears on the inside back page of The Final Call newspaper and prior to that on the back page of Muhammad Speaks newspaper in the 1960s and 1970s. The nature of Black people is to be upright, not to be thieves and liars, said the Minister.

"You were under thieves and liars for over 400 years and they made us into themselves. So, when you look at Black people, you're looking at a creature, made devils. That's what the enemy is. He could not make you righteous because righteousness is not a part of his nature," he said.

first three points of "What The Muslims Want" of The Muslim Program and asked the audience if they agreed with those salient points.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad said "we want freedom, a full and complete freedom." "N'COBRA don't you want that? And the NAACP don't you want that? The Shrine of the Black Madonna don't you want that? Whatever church you belong to, you want a full and complete freedom?" Min. Farrakhan asked.

"In nature, freedom allows a creature to grow to its fullest, reproduce itself and die. We have never been allowed to grow to the fullest manifestation of who we are. There's always a Caucasian reality and a wicked system that is at the head of your desire to rise."

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them, do it! But there are those of us who know better because we know the nature of the people that we've been living under because God has revealed it to us. They owe us big time!"

Obtaining land is the key. Min. Farrakhan recalled a man who helped the Honorable Elijah Muhammad obtain farmland in Alabama. The man took the Minister to the side and explained to him how Black people can begin to take over states if Blacks who once lived there returned and those that are there now got the right to vote.

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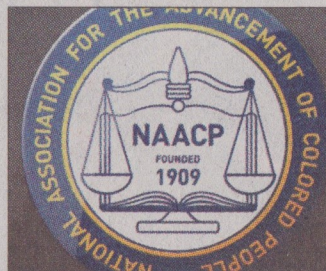
Naimah Singh is a recently retired educator with the Detroit Public Schools. What stood out to her from what Min. Farrakhan shared was the reality that there is "no changing this system."

"We as Black people have to make that change and reparations is totally due to us for we built this country. We have given song, we have given education, we have given our hard labor and technically, America is Africa—this is our land. You are nothing without the land and the Minister spoke on the importance of purchasing the land. We could be sovereign and whole and independent, and I thank Elijah Muhammad for coming to the city of Detroit and being the first Black man to teach independence, entrepreneurship and sovereignty," said Ms. Singh.

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"The Minister has always been timely since I've known him over these years. We needed him at this moment when reparations is the hot item in the Congress, in the media, in these new people running for the leadership of the government. We've been on that for a long time, this organization (N'COBRA) for 30 years but we've been trying to deal with it over several hundred years and so now is the time for clarity and the Minister brings so much clarity because he's been through so much," Dr. Jeffries told The Final Call. He stated he and his wife are grateful for Min. Farrakhan not only for his track-record of work for Black people but for his personal help and support through the years when they needed it.

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leadership has been co-opted, he continued.

"But there's a free Black man (who) is unbought, has not and will not bow to the forces that control this world. I have been a consistent Black man on this battlefield ever since I became conscious 64 years ago."

Vanity is a detriment to the unity and progress of Black people. Blacks in leadership must be true to the principles of love in order to be an effective catalyst in the healing of their people.

"Love is the only force that will put errant ego to rest," said Min. Farrakhan.

Black people must be made new

Elijah Muhammad introduced The Muslim Program which appears on the inside back page of The Final Call newspaper and prior to that on the back page of Muhammad Speaks newspaper in the 1960s and 1970s. The nature of Black people is to be upright, not to be thieves and liars, said the Minister.

"You were under thieves and liars for over 400 years and they made us into themselves. So, when you look at Black people, you're looking at a creature, made devils. That's what the enemy is. He could not make you righteous because righteousness is not a part of his nature," he said.

The White man can only make us what he is and when you look at Black people today, you are looking at a people made in America, the 86-year-old Muslim leader explained.

You can't say that you want reparations and think it's money but reparations must repair our broken minds, corrupt souls and bring us new again, he continued.

Reparations must start with Black people accepting the nature of who they are, doing right and wanting for your brother and sister what you want for yourself, the Minister explained. If we fail to do that, then Black people will always be struggling for concepts that we can't figure out, he warned.

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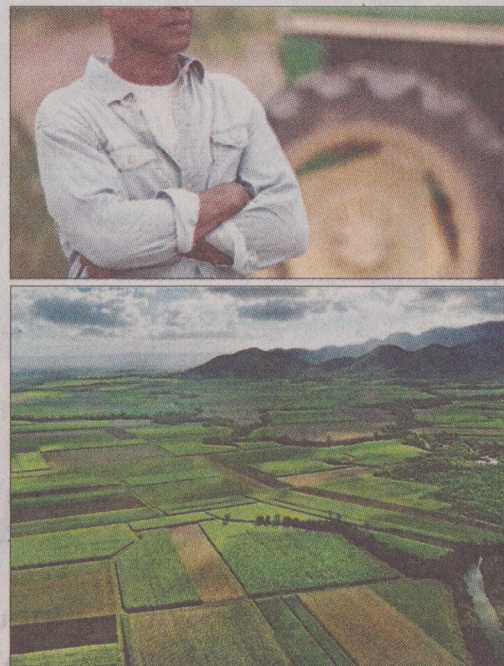
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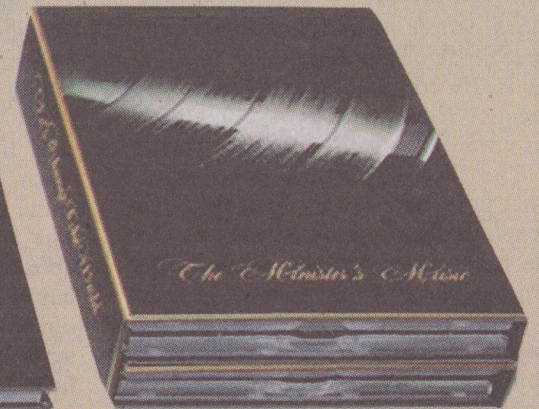
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THE MUSLIM PROGRAM

What The Muslims Want

This is the question asked most frequently by both the Whites and the Blacks. The answers to this question I shall state as simply as possible.

1. We want freedom. We want a full and complete freedom.

2. We want justice. Equal justice under the law. We want justice applied equally to all, regardless of creed or class or color.

3. We want equality of opportunity. We want equal membership in society with the best in civilized society.

4. We want our people in America whose parents or grandparents were descendants from slaves, to be allowed to establish a separate state or territory of their own—either on this continent or elsewhere. We believe that our former slave masters are obligated to provide such land and that the area must be fertile and minerally rich. We believe that our former slave masters are obligated to maintain and supply our needs in this separate territory for the next 20 to 25 years—until we are able to produce and supply our own needs.

Since we cannot get along with them in peace and equality, after giving them 400 years of our sweat and blood and receiving in return some of the worst treatment human beings have ever experienced, we believe our contributions to this land and the suffering forced upon us by White America, justifies our demand for complete separation in a state or territory of our own.

5. We want freedom for all Believers of Islam now held in federal prisons. We want freedom for all Black men and women now under death sentence in innumerable prisons in the North as well as the South.

We want every Black man and woman to have the freedom to accept or reject being separated from the slave master's children and establish a land of their own.

We know that the above plan for the solution of the Black and White conflict is the best and only answer to the problem between two people.

6. We want an immediate end to the police brutality and mob attacks against the so-called Negro throughout the United States.

We believe that the Federal government should intercede to see that Black men and women tried in White courts receive justice in accordance with the laws of the land—or allow us to build a new nation for ourselves, dedicated to justice, freedom and liberty.

7. As long as we are not allowed to establish a state or territory of our own, we demand not only equal justice under the laws of the United States, but equal employment opportunities—NOW!

We do not believe that after 400 years of free or nearly free labor, sweat and blood, which has helped America become rich and powerful, that so many thousands of Black people should have to subsist on relief, charity or live in poor houses.

8. We want the government of the United States to exempt our people from ALL taxation as long as we are deprived of equal justice under the laws of the land.

9. We want equal education—but separate schools up to 16 for boys and 18 for girls on the condition that the girls be sent to women's colleges and universities. We want all Black children educated, taught and trained by their own teachers.

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If the White people are truthful about their professed friendship toward the so-called Negro, they can prove it by dividing up America with their slaves.

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5. **WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of the dead—not in physical resurrection—but in mental resurrection. We believe that the so-called Negroes are most in need of mental resurrection, therefore, they will be resurrected first.**

Furthermore, we believe we are the people of God's choice, as it has been written, that God would choose the rejected and the despised. We can find no other persons fitting this description in these last days more than the so-called Negroes in America. We believe in the resurrection of the righteous.

6. **WE BELIEVE in the judgment; we believe this first judgment will take place as God revealed, in America.**

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8. **WE BELIEVE in justice for all, whether in God or not; we believe as others, that we are due equal justice as human beings. We believe in equality—as a nation—of equals. We do not believe that we are equal with our slave masters in the status of "freed slaves."**

We recognize and respect American citizens as independent peoples and we respect their laws which govern this nation.

9. **WE BELIEVE that the offer of integration is hypocritical and is made by those who are trying to deceive the Black peoples into believing that their 400-year-old open enemies of freedom, justice and equality are, all of a sudden, their "friends." Furthermore, we believe that such deception is intended to prevent Black people from realizing that the time in history has arrived for the separation from the Whites of this nation.**

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11. **WE BELIEVE** our women should be respected and protected as the women of other nationalities are respected and protected.

12. **WE BELIEVE** that Allah (God) appeared in the Person of Master W. Fard Muhammad, July, 1930; the long-awaited "Messiah" of the Christians and the "Mahdi" of the Muslims.

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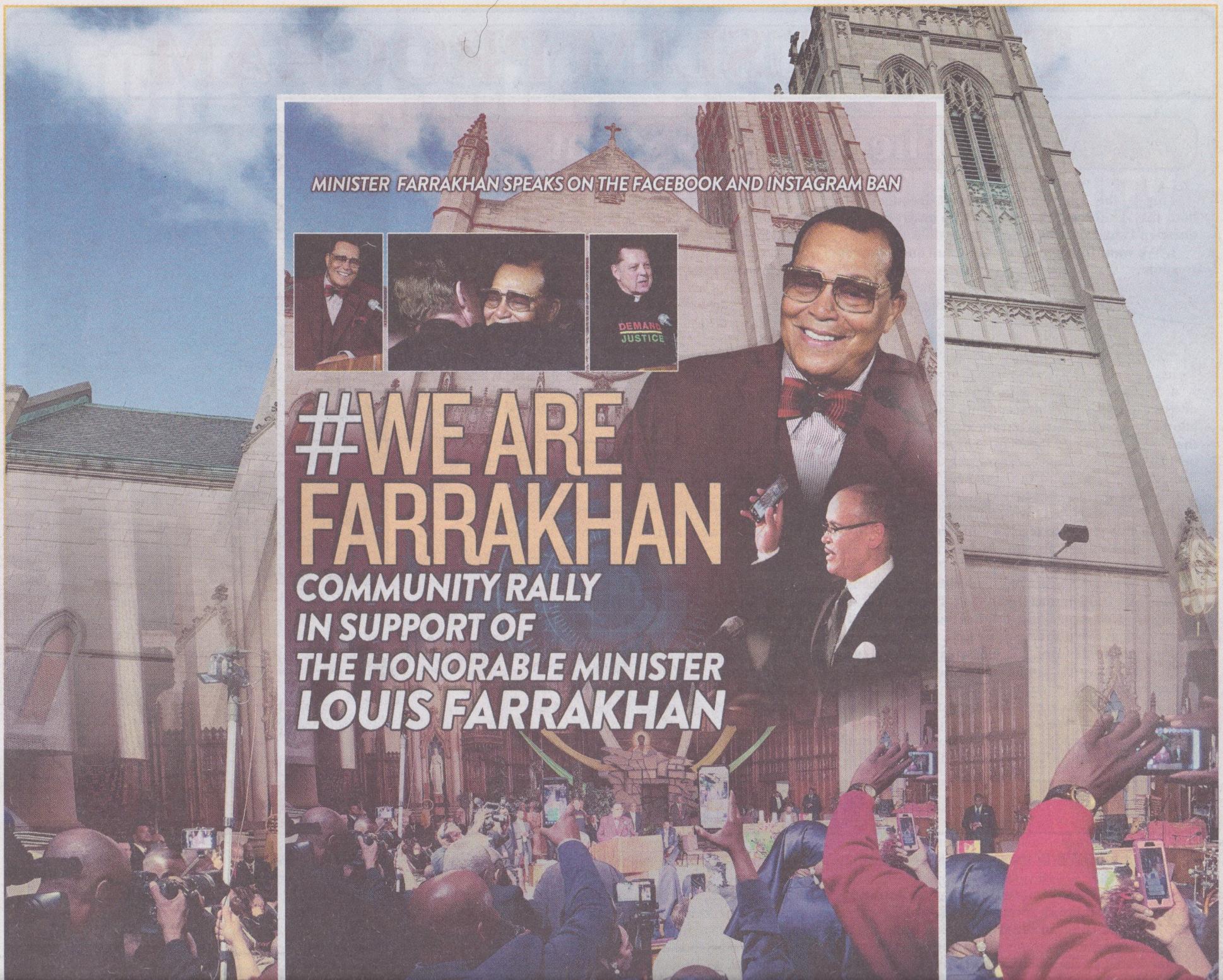
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